

**COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

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VOTING TO ENDORSE ISSUE 21 IN SUPPORT OF COLUMBUS STATE: Council President [Shannon G. Hardin](#) is sponsoring resolution 0049X-2020 to have Columbus City Council endorse the Columbus State Community College Bond Issue. The item will appear on the March 17, 2020, primary ballot as Issue 21.

DESIGNING AN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION LEARNING CENTER IN THE HILLTOP: Council President Pro Tem [Elizabeth Brown](#), chair of the Education Committee is sponsoring ordinance 0455-2020 to spend \$30,376 to enact recommendations for services at the new state-of-the-art early learning facility in the Hilltop. Mental and behavioral health services, as well as access to fresh food, stable housing, employment, childcare, and transportation are all factors in making informed programming decisions at the new center. When open, the facility will provide a high-quality early education and other services to approximately 240 Hilltop children and families.

PAVING THE WAY FOR REVOLUTIONARY GENE THERAPY: Councilmember [Emmanuel V. Remy](#), chair of the Economic Development committee is sponsoring ordinance 0436-2020 to enter into an Enterprise Zone Agreement with Andelyn Biosciences, Inc. for a tax abatement of one-hundred percent for a period of fifteen consecutive years in consideration of a total proposed capital investment of approximately \$74,000,000.00 and the creation of 170 net new full-time permanent positions with an estimated annual payroll of approximately \$15,437,000. Andelyn Biosciences will create revolutionary gene therapy treatments for children suffering from life-threatening diseases.

ESTABLISHING THE DOWNTOWN PARKING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM: Councilmember [Shayla Favor](#), chair of the Public Service and Transportation Committee is sponsoring ordinance 0166-2020 to establish the Downtown Parking Benefit District. The benefit district is one component of the new management plan to improve parking availability and encourage the use of alternate forms of transportation within the Downtown area. This will also create a funding source to improve the neighborhood and enhance mobility options for residents, employees and visitors to the area.

RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF OBESITY IN CENTRAL OHIO: Councilmember [Priscilla Tyson](#), chair of



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the Health and Human Services Committee is sponsoring ordinance 0408-2020 to enter into a \$75,000 contract with WBNS-TV, Inc. to continue the Commit to be Fit public awareness campaign to address obesity in Central Ohio. The 10TV Commit to be Fit partnership is projected to generate over one million impressions to residents in Central Ohio through television, social media and digital advertising and programming.

INSTALLING SEWER AND WATER LINES IN EAST FRANKLINTON: Councilmember [Rob Dorans](#), chair of the Public Utilities committee is sponsoring ordinance 0329-2020 to enter into a construction contract with Elite Excavating Co. of Ohio for the East Franklinton Phase 1 Project in an amount up to \$3,447,682.50, which will include installation of approximately 2,100 feet of storm sewer, and nearly 2,800 feet of water line in the East Franklinton area.

Upcoming Events:

- March 31 - Policy Pitch Night - 6-8pm at East High School
- April 9 - Westside Community Meeting - 6-7:30pm at Hillcrest Baptist Church

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