

**COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

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- **COUNCIL PROVIDING \$1 MILLION IN EMERGENCY SUPPORT FOR LOCAL FAMILIES:** Council President [Shannon G. Hardin](#) is sponsoring ordinance 0738-2020 to commit \$1 million from the General Fund to Emergency Human Services to support families in need of housing or food assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic. Council will work with community partners to finalize the details and administration of the program. The goal is to get much-needed resources into the hands of the community as quickly as possible.
- **ENSURING ACCESS TO GREENSPACE AS COLUMBUS GROWS:** Council President Pro Tem [Elizabeth Brown](#), chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee is sponsoring ordinance 0384-2020 to authorize a \$73,480 contract with MKSK, Inc. to perform a city-wide analysis and update plan for the City's Parkland Dedication Ordinance. With our City's population expected to continue growing, this study will recommend revisions to the ordinance to better position Columbus as a national leader in urban parks, greenways, and natural areas.
- **SUPPORTING SENIORS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC:** Councilmember [Mitchell J. Brown](#), chair of the Veterans and Senior Affairs committee is sponsoring ordinance 0736-2020 to authorize \$12,000 in emergency grant funding to the Clintonville-Beechwood Community Resource Center (CRC) to provide necessary supplies to older adults in anticipation of current and additional coronavirus emergency measures. The funding will be able to assist 1,000 older adults with groceries, water, pet supplies, and sanitary products, as well as setting up a phone line for volunteers to speak to aging residents feeling isolated.
- **ADDING ENERGY BENCHMARKING TO COLUMBUS BUILDING CODE:** Councilmember [Emmanuel V. Remy](#), chair of the Economic Development Committee is sponsoring ordinance 0452-2020, to enact a new Chapter in the Columbus Building Code for Energy Benchmarking. This new Chapter will contain new requirements to establish an energy and water benchmarking, reporting, and transparency requirement for buildings within the City.
- **FUNDING THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST:** Councilmember [Shayla Favor](#), chair of the Housing Committee is sponsoring ordinance 0511-2020 which authorizes the Director of Development to enter into a contract with the Affordable Housing Trust for Columbus and



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Franklin County. The Affordable Housing Trust works to facilitate the production of affordable housing in Columbus. This ordinance represents the organization's annual receipt of funds from the Hotel/Motel Excise Tax at an expenditure of \$1,952,000.00 for 2020.

- **RAISING SAFE SLEEP PUBLIC AWARENESS IN CENTRAL OHIO:** Councilmember [Priscilla Tyson](#), chair of the Health and Human Services Committee is sponsoring ordinance 0561-2020 to enter into a \$5,389,650.00 contract with Community Shelter Board to provide support for men, women, and families who are experiencing, or at risk of experiencing homelessness in Columbus. Funds will be directed to five initiatives that address homelessness in our community including: Continuum of Care Application, Crisis Response, Street Outreach Services, Permanent Supportive Housing Services, and the Safety Net Program for Emergency Shelter.
- **STRENGTHENING THE CITY'S INTERACTIVE VOICE RESPONSE SYSTEMS:** Councilmember [Rob Dorans](#), chair of the Technology Committee is sponsoring ordinance 0406-2020 to authorize the procurement of hardware, software, maintenance, support and professional services to enable the integration of the city's Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System. This \$300,111.15 contract will strengthen the City's voice response systems such as 311, and Public Utilities and Technology Help Desk call centers.

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