

**COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

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IMPORTANT NOTE: This meeting will be live-streamed via the City of Columbus website at <https://www.columbus.gov/technology/media-services/ctv/>. Tonight's meeting will also be live-streamed on Council's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ColsCouncil>. Residents can also listen live by calling toll-free to 1-650-479-3207, and the access code is 473 153 843.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the public is encouraged to tune in and watch proceedings, from the comforts of their home. Should a Columbus resident have comment on a particular piece of legislation, they should follow the new online speaker slip procedures put forward on our website, which can be found here: <https://www.columbus.gov/council/information/Online-Speaker-Slip/>.

- **HONORING OUR ESSENTIAL FRONTLINE WORKERS** Council President [Shannon G. Hardin](#) is sponsoring resolution 0077X-2020 to recognize, honor and thank frontline workers in Columbus.
- **PROVIDING EMERGENCY GRANT FUNDING FOR SOCIAL SERVICES:** Councilmember [Priscilla Tyson](#), chair of the Health and Human Services Committee is sponsoring ordinance 0571-2020 to renew grant agreements with numerous social service agencies to address and provide for multiple human service needs, authorizing the expenditure of \$2,232,453.50 from the Emergency Human Services Fund and \$2,232,453.50 from the general fund for a total expenditure of \$4,464,907. Additionally, through ordinance 0892-2020, \$50,000 is headed to the Human Services Chamber, in 0891-2020 \$80,000 is going to Voice Corps, in ordinance 0895-2020, \$50,000 is headed to Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services (ETSS), and \$400,000 for LifeCare Alliance in ordinance 0988-2020, to help the organization manage the increased demand for



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Meals on Wheels.

- **SUPPORTING FREE MEALS FOR CHILDREN:** Council President Pro Tem [Elizabeth Brown](#), chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee is sponsoring ordinance 0627-2020 to enter into a \$100,000 grant agreement with Children's Hunger Alliance in support of five open meal sites. These sites are places where any child can receive a nutritious meal without the need to be signed up for any services. Proper nutrition is essential for children to continue their growth and development during the school year and over the summer. During the COVID-19 health crisis it is especially important to provide options for children and their families to be able to access healthy meals.
- **BUYING RESIDENTIAL REFUSE CONTAINERS AND PARTS:** Councilmember [Emmanuel V. Remy](#), chair of the Environment Committee is sponsoring ordinance 0751-2020 to authorize \$300,000 to purchase refuse containers and parts from multiple vendors. The Division of Refuse Collection utilizes 96 gallon, 300 gallon, 8 cubic-yard roll-off, and other types of containers as-needed in its mechanized collection system for the residential and special program trash collection. The Division also requires replacement parts for containers not covered by warranties.
- **INCREASING FRESH FOOD ACCESS FOR SENIORS:** Councilmember [Mitchell J. Brown](#), chair of the Veterans and Senior Affairs Committee is sponsoring ordinances 0655-2020 and 0662-2020 to provide \$270,591 to the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging and \$275,000 to LifeCare Alliance to help fund the Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program.
- **FUNDING NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS IN LINDEN:** Councilmember [Shayla Favor](#), chair of the Public Service and Transportation Committee is sponsoring ordinance 0839-2020, authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into contract with Columbus Asphalt Paving for the Roadway-Medina Ave from Hudson to Briarwood project. The project consists of the reconstruction of .2 miles of Medina Avenue from Hudson Street to Briarwood Avenue and will include new curb and gutter, sidewalk, street trees, storm sewers, and street lighting. The project is in the vicinity of the new Linden



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Recreation Center that is currently under construction.

- **WORKING TO INSTALL SUMP PUMPS ACROSS COLUMBUS:** Councilmember [Rob Dorans](#), chair of the Public Utilities Committee is sponsoring ordinance 0861-2020 to provide \$600,000 for Project Dry Basement. The goal of the Backwater Valve Installation and Sump Pump program is to prevent sewer backups in homes resulting from heavy rain or sewer clogs.

Upcoming Events:

- April 28 – Facebook Live Town Hall
- May 4 – Virtual Council Meeting

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