

**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/>.

- **SPREADING JOY THROUGH CURBSIDE CONCERTS:** Council President [Shannon G. Hardin](#) is sponsoring ordinance 1114-2020 to provide an \$11,000 grant to the Greater Columbus Arts Council in support of the Curbside Concerts project developed by the volunteer group, Can't Stop Columbus. Residents can nominate a senior to receive a curbside concert. Volunteers from Can't Stop Columbus create a three-to-four hour route for a local musician. Artists arrive with a personalized performance to be enjoyed from the safety of the yard, porch or driveway. To date, musicians had played more than 100 curbside concerts in Columbus.
- **INVESTING \$1.6 MILLION IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAMS:** Council President Pro Tem [Elizabeth Brown](#), chair of the Education Committee is sponsoring ordinance 0878-2020 to enter into renewal contracts totaling \$1,692,485 with high-quality pre-kindergarten organizations that provide



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educational services. Despite the current closure of these early education programs by state mandate, the City will continue supporting the centers and their teachers in order to preserve the local early childhood infrastructure on which Columbus families depend.

- **PROVIDING EMERGENCY GRANT FUNDING TO COLUMBUS PUBLIC HEALTH:** Councilmember [Priscilla Tyson](#), chair of the Health and Human Services Committee is sponsoring ordinance 0849-2020 to accept a \$1,019,770 grant from the Ohio Department of Health for Columbus Public Health to augment and support the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. The one-time payment is a disbursement from the CDC under the CARES Act.
- **ENTERING INTO EMERGENCY WATER SERVICE AGREEMENTS:** Councilmember [Rob Dorans](#), chair of the Public Utilities Committee is sponsoring ordinance 0985-2020 to enter into emergency water service agreements during the current state of emergency. These agreements ensure continuous access of potable water to the city and surrounding communities to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- **SUPPORTING FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTS' EFFORTS TO WORK REMOTELY:** Councilmember [Shayla Favor](#), Chair of the Criminal Justice & Judiciary Committee is sponsoring ordinance 0875-2020, authorizing the Administrative and Presiding Judges of the Franklin County Municipal Court to accept a grant award from the Supreme Court of Ohio in the amount of \$124,069.29 for equipment and software to implement video arraignments and remote hearings. This equipment is essential to allow the Court to proceed with regular business throughout the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **LIGHTING COLUMBUS BLUE TO HONOR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM:** Councilmember [Mitchell J. Brown](#), chair of the Public Safety Committee is sponsoring resolution 0079X-2020 to declare May 8-16, 2020, as Light Ohio Blue Week. In honor of our men and women in uniform, downtown Columbus has come together to "Light Oho Blue" during the selected week.



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- **PROVIDING CAREER-BASED TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR COLUMBUS STUDENTS:** Councilmember [Emmanuel V. Remy](#), chair of Economic Development Committee is sponsoring ordinance 0964-2020 to extend the contract with Columbus City Schools for the implementation of education and career-based training programs.

Upcoming Events:

- May 12 – Facebook Live Town Hall
- May 18 – Virtual Council Meeting

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