

**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 471 255 540.

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/>.

- **SUPPORTING NEIGHBORHOOD SELF-INVESTMENT:** Council President [Shannon G. Hardin](#) is sponsoring ordinances 0066X-2020 through 0070X-2020 to approve the plans for improvements and services to be provided by the City's Special Improvements Districts, representing the University District, Capital Crossroads, Discovery District, Franklinton District and the 5th and 4th Street District. These plans represent millions of new dollars flowing into neighborhood cleanup, enhanced amenities, and improved mobility.
- **ACCEPTING NEARLY \$157 MILLION IN CARES ACT FUNDING:** Council President Pro Tem [Elizabeth Brown](#), chair of the Finance Committee is sponsoring ordinance 1129-2020 to authorize the acceptance and appropriation of \$156,790,569.40 in funding from the U.S. Treasury as a result of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. A portion of this funding is already earmarked to provide emergency housing stability funding for



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Columbus residents.

- **CREATING A NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT FOR SENIORS:** Councilmember [Shayla Favor](#), chair of the Housing Committee is sponsoring ordinance 1093-2020, authorizing the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a contract with National Church Residences in support of the Northland Gate senior housing development. The Northland Gate project will create up to 94 new affordable housing units for seniors on Maple Canyon Avenue on the City's north side. The project also received funding through the state's competitive Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program.
- **EXPANDING NUTRITIONAL FOOD OPTIONS FOR COLUMBUS SENIORS:** Councilmember [Mitchell J. Brown](#), chair of the Veterans and Senior Affairs Committee is sponsoring ordinances 1147-2020 and 1148-2020 to fund seven community agencies with a total of \$1,078,132 to provide home-delivered meals to older adults through the end of September 2020.
- **PROVIDING HOUSING FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS:** Councilmember [Priscilla Tyson](#), chair of the Health and Human Services Committee is sponsoring ordinance 1019-2020 to authorize the Board of Health to enter into a \$1,228,832.55 contract with Equitas Health for the provision of eligible Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) services for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. This funding comes from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- **INCREASING AREA COMMISSION FUNDING:** Councilmember [Rob Dorans](#), chair of the Neighborhoods Committee is sponsoring ordinance 1014-2020 to authorize \$73,500 in funding, a 40 percent increase, to provide operating expenses for the City's 21 Area Commissions.
- **PROVIDING CAREER-BASED TRAINING PROGRAMS TO CSC:** Councilmember [Emmanuel V. Remy](#), chair of the Economic Development Committee is sponsoring ordinance 1179-2020 to enter into a contract with Columbus Sister Cities International, Inc. in an amount up to \$150,000 for the purpose of promoting business, government, cultural, educational and



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environmental exchanges between the Columbus Sister Cities.

****Due to the observation of Memorial Day, the next regularly scheduled Council meeting will occur on June 1.****

Upcoming Events:

- May 26 -- Virtual Town Hall
- June 1 -- Virtual Council Meeting
- June 9 -- Virtual Southside Community Meeting

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