

**COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

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COSI BRINGS A FEAST OF A SCIENCE FEST TO CENTRAL OHIO: Councilmember [Emmanuel Remy](#) is presenting resolution 0148X-2019 to recognize and celebrate the first-ever COSI Science Festival, May 1-4, 2019. The festival will host more than 100 events in cities and neighborhoods around Central Ohio and provide free science programming to schools throughout the state as part of the “Be a Scientist” event series. On May 3, 2019, the COSI Science Festival will host a Citywide Star Party. This event, taking place in 15 locations across Columbus, will bring together people of all ages to admire and learn about the night sky. The 2019 COSI Science Festival culminates on May 4, with an exciting and fun celebration of science along the Peninsula surrounding COSI, including Washington Blvd., Genoa Park, Town St., and Dorrian Green Park! This FREE event features dynamic experiments, incredible demonstrations, and engaging hands-on activities hosted by Franklin County’s science, technology, engineering and mathematics focused organizations. The Big Science Celebration is sure to provide entertainment and learning opportunities for the whole family. For more information visit <https://cosiscifest.org/bsc/>

COUNCIL CELEBRATES TRANSPORTATION INNOVATORS: Council President [Shannon Hardin](#) is presenting resolutions 0139X-2019, 0140X-2019 to acknowledge the winning teams of the Purple Aisle Transportation Innovation Lab challenge. The teams are “Get It Done,” 1st place; “The Sharks,” second place; and “The Jane and Richard Project,” third place. The Purple Aisle Transportation Innovation Weekend brought together neighborhood leaders and transit professionals to develop and pitch solutions to create a more equitable transportation system in Columbus. Congratulations to the teams. Their proposals embodied the spirit of innovation and equity that inspired the creation of the competition.



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INCREASING THE URBAN TREE CANOPY: President Pro Tem [Elizabeth Brown](#), chair of the Recreation and Park Committee is sponsoring ordinance 0976-2019 for the installation of 617 street trees throughout Columbus. The tree canopy is a critical component of the City's green infrastructure that helps to reduce the urban heat island effect, improve air quality, lower stormwater runoff and reduce utility costs for nearby homes and businesses by creating shade in the summer and blocking wind in the winter. The new trees will be targeted in areas that have lost canopy due to decay and in areas that will benefit from additional tree planting as a part of the Department of Recreation and Parks Master Plan.

HONORING MENTORSHIP PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN IN THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM: Councilmember [Priscilla Tyson](#) presented resolution 0136X-2019 to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Franklin County Children Services' Friendship Program. The Friendship Program volunteers have served thousands of youth who may have experienced abuse, neglect or difficult home conditions. The Friendship Program is one of the only known programs of its kind in the nation housed within a child welfare agency. The program provides youth with life-changing experiences and moves them from a state of being at-risk to a life of promise through the power of relationships.

COUNCIL WORKS TO ALLEVIATE FLOODING IN EASTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD: Councilmember [Rob Dorans](#), chair of Public Utilities Committee is sponsoring ordinance 0727-2019 to authorize funds to reduce surface flooding, and the risk of sanitary sewer backups into basements or residential properties along Woodward, Wildwood and Woodnell avenues. These projects consist of providing clean sewer service to a residential area that is currently served by sewage disposal systems.

MAKING MAJOR INVESTMENTS IN NEIGHBORHOODS: Councilmember [Shayla Favor](#), chair of the Public Services and Transportation Committee is sponsoring ordinance 1166-2019 to allocate more than \$6 million to resurface 36 streets and construct 236 ADA curb ramps along those streets in the City of Columbus. The resurfacing 2019 Project 1 includes milling the existing pavement, overlaying with new asphalt concrete, minor curb replacement, replacing curb and sidewalk associated with installing ADA wheelchair ramps and full depth pavement replacement where warranted. The improvements increase response times and access for emergency services. Community Development Block Grant funds are critical to Columbus and its many residents in these areas. It helps provide accesses to employment, social, health and related educational opportunities.

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