COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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CELEBRATING SOCIALVENTURES: Council President Shannon Hardin is sponsoring resolution 0216x-2019, to Recognize and Celebrate SocialVentures' Positioned to Prosper 2019. Since the founding of SocialVentures five years ago, the local social enterprise ecosystem has grown from 18 social enterprises to more than 100. Social Enterprises involved in this program have generated over 2,500 jobs, $49 million of payroll, and $79 million in sales.

BUILDING A NEW COLUMBUS FIRE STATION 16: Council President Pro Tem Elizabeth Brown, chair of the Finance Committee is sponsoring ordinance 1777-2019 to enter in a $9,408,000 agreement with Elford, Inc. for the construction of a new Fire Station 16, which will be located at 1465 Oakland Park Avenue. This new 24,698 square foot fire station will include additional health and safety measures for first responders and will replace the existing Fire Station 16 that was constructed in 1952.

ENHANCING SAFETY AND MOBILITY WITH SMART COLUMBUS: Councilmember Shayla Favor, chair of the Public Service and Transportation Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 1669-2019, to authorize the Chief Innovation Officer to execute a professional services contract with Siemens relative to the Smart Columbus CVE On-Board Unit System Integrator project. The project will integrate connected vehicles into the City’s transportation environment by installing technology into vehicles that will communicate with the environment and deploy applications that enable enhanced safety and mobility features. Funding in the amount of $5,100,000 will be appropriated from the Smart Cities Grant Fund and the Streets and Highways Bond Fund.

PREPARING OUR WATER RESOURCES FOR THE FUTURE: Councilmember Rob Dorans, chair of the Public Utilities Committee is sponsoring ordinance 1702-2019 to authorize the Director of Public Utilities to enter into a $341,644 cooperative agreement with the United States Geological Survey for the investigation of water resources in central Ohio, including groundwater and several rivers for the Division of Water and the Division of Sewerage and Drainage. These investigations are meant to survey the waterways for the preservation of public health and safety.
RECOGNIZING ST. STEPHEN’S COMMUNITY HOUSE: Councilmember Emmanuel V. Remy is sponsoring resolution 0215x-2019 to recognize and celebrate the 100th Anniversary of St. Stephen’s Community House in the City of Columbus. St. Stephen’s Community House has served more than 20,000 individuals in Linden and continues to evolve with the needs of the community by providing a peaceful environment to help strengthen and build families.

INCREASING SURVIVAL RATE FROM CARDIAC EVENTS: Councilmember Mitchell J. Brown, chair of the Public Safety Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 1946-2019 to appropriate $52,656.72 for the Department of Public Safety, on behalf of the Divisions of Police and Fire, to purchase automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and associated training materials. This ordinance will enable the Division of Police to purchase thirty (30) defibrillators to place in patrol cars that operate in the Hilltop, Linden, and the Southside, three areas that have been identified by the Division of Fire and Emergency Medical Services as areas with high instances of cardiac arrest. The Divisions of Police and Fire will also make use of associated materials, such as training mannequins, in order to provide training to external groups and organizations on life-techniques and equipment, including CPR and defibrillator use.

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