

**COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

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**LOWERING PENALTIES FOR MARIJUANA POSSESSION:** Council President [Shannon Hardin](#) is sponsoring ordinance 2032-2019 to enact new sections 2329.15 and 2329.16 in the Columbus City Codes, establishing lowering offenses and criminal penalties concerning misdemeanor possession of marijuana and associated paraphernalia in the City of Columbus.

**IMPROVING SAFETY ON THE OLENTANGY TRAIL:** Council President Pro Tem [Elizabeth Brown](#), chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee is sponsoring ordinance 1875-2019 to authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into a \$132,336 contract with WTD Development, LLC for the reconstruction of the Olentangy Trail from Third Avenue to Fifth Avenue. The reconstruction will include widening the existing path from 9' to 12', and will be done during the current closure of this section of trail as part of the construction of the Founders Park development.

**DEVELOPING AFFORDABLE HOMES ON THE SOUTH SIDE:** Councilmember [Shayla Favor](#), chair of the Housing Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 1723-2019, to authorize the Director of the Department of Development to make financial assistance available as grants to rental projects developed or sponsored by HNHF Realty Collaborative and/or Community Development for All People. This effort will provide an increase in the local supply of decent, safe, and sanitary rental housing in the South Side neighborhood. The ordinance will authorize the expenditure of \$2,500,000 from the Development Taxable Bond Fund and the Northland and Other Acquisitions Bond Fund.

**PREVENTING SEWER BACK-UPS IN LINDEN:** Councilmember [Rob Dorans](#), chair of the public utilities committee is sponsoring ordinance 1769-2019 to authorize the Director of Public Utilities to enter into contract with Ohio Basement Authority for the Volunteer Sump Pump Program in Linden. This \$1,854,944.83 contract aims to cut down on residential sewer back-ups in the neighborhood.

**RE-IMAGINING THE SR 161 CORRIDOR:** Councilmember [Emmanuel V. Remy](#) is sponsoring ordinance 1739-2019 to authorize the Director of Development to enter into a \$50,000 contract with Arch City for Professional Consultancy Services to provide a commercial market analysis of the SR-161 corridor in



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Columbus. Arch City Consultants will review and evaluate current business and business expansion opportunities along the corridor, evaluating the land use patterns relative to the study's findings, and provide detailed recommendations that address market constraints, real estate development opportunities and potential programming to assist businesses in the corridor.

**INCREASING OVERDOSE SURVIVAL RATE:** Councilmember [Priscilla Tyson](#) is sponsoring ordinance 1910-2019 To authorize and direct the Board of Health to accept a grant in the amount of \$30,000 from the Ohio Department of Health to support Project DAWN, increasing access and infrastructure for Naloxone. The Project DAWN Expansion Grant will eliminate social and geographic barriers that might prevent individuals from acquiring naloxone, provide overdose prevention education, and furnish naloxone. The life-saving drug naloxone has been critical in reversing the dangerous effects of an overdose and saving lives. Emergency action is requested to ensure that Columbus Public Health has the sufficient amount of these supplies and services to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Columbus.

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