

**COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

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**RAISING AWARENESS OF CHILDHOOD CANCER:** Council President [Shannon Hardin](#) is sponsoring resolution 0236X-2019 to declare September 2019 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Columbus. Nationally, 1 in 285 children will be diagnosed with cancer by their 20th birthday, with the average age of diagnosis at 6 years old, compared to 66 years for adults' cancer diagnosis.

**MAKING SMART INVESTMENTS IN NEIGHBORHOODS:** Council President Pro Tem [Elizabeth Brown](#), chair of the Finance committee is sponsoring a series of 12 ordinances to authorize City Auditor Kilgore to issue and sell bonds to fund the projects considered and approved by Council in this year's capital budget, and those approved by voters. In total, more than \$300 million in bond sales will be authorized to fund projects that improve neighborhoods and quality of life throughout Columbus. Projects include investments in improved public safety and health, roads and sidewalks, recreation and parks facilities, and clean drinking water and other public utility infrastructure.

**PAVING THE WAY FOR THE CONFLUENCE COMMUNITY AUTHORITY:** Councilmember [Emmanuel V. Remy](#), chair of the Economic Development committee is sponsoring ordinance 0230X-2019 to determine that the petition to establish the Confluence Community Authority is sufficient and complies with the requirements of the Ohio Revised Code. This authority will manage the new downtown district known as Confluence Village. A hearing on the petition moving forward will be announced.

**FUNDING GREENWAYS IN COLUMBUS:** Councilmember [Rob Dorans](#), chair of the Public Utilities committee is sponsoring ordinance 1661-2019 to enter into an agreement with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) for the purpose of providing funding and support for the Franklin County Greenways Program for Fiscal Year 2019, with a total spend of \$60,000.

**HONORING THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY'S DEPARTMENT OF AFRICAN AMERICAN AND AFRICAN STUDIES:** Councilmember [Shayla Favor](#) is sponsoring resolution 0243x-2019 in honor of the 50 year anniversary for The Ohio State University's Department of African American and African Studies. The mission of the department is to stimulate teaching and research about the Black experience in the United States, Africa and throughout the African Diaspora. The Department's Community Extension



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Center has served a significant role in the greater Columbus community as an outreach arm and resource facility.

**SUPPORTING WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN:** Councilmember [Priscilla Tyson](#), chair of the Health and Human Services committee is sponsoring ordinance 2254-2019 to authorize and direct the Board of Health to accept a grant from the Ohio Department of Health for the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program in the amount of \$6,632,728.00. The primary objective of the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program is to provide nutritionally desirable food and nutrition education to pregnant and lactating women, infants, and children at nutritional risk in Franklin County who meet categorical, income and nutritional risk requirements for eligibility.

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