

**COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

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SUPPORTING LOCAL LEADERSHIP: Council President [Shannon Hardin](#) is presenting resolution 0032X-2019 to recognize and congratulate Andre' Washington for his service to Columbus. Washington received the Marlene Hill-Powell Special Recognition Award from the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists Columbus Chapter in recognition of his work to empower communities of color, as well as educating and encouraging residents. His work embodies the mission of Coalition of Black Trade Unionists to achieve economic, political and social justice for every American.

MAINTAINING SAFE WATER SYSTEMS: Council President Pro Tem [Michael Stinziano](#) is sponsoring an ordinance to maintain safe drinking water systems in Columbus. The Parsons Avenue Water Plant Treatment facility will receive over \$500,000 in upgrades to keep our water clean and safe. The Parsons Avenue Water Plant is an essential and integral component in the Columbus area water supply and treatment infrastructure. Providing a safe supply of water to residents is essential to economic growth and development of the City.

CREATING GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE IN COLUMBUS: Council President Pro Tem [Michael Stinziano](#) is sponsoring an ordinance to support the Volunteer Sump Pump Program. The program consists of installing sump pumps to reduce residential backups in neighborhoods. This effort is part of the Blueprint plan. Blueprint Columbus was developed to eliminate the source of sanitary sewer overflows by incorporating the use of green infrastructure, which provides significant environmental benefits to the community. Green infrastructure leads to permanent jobs. For more information on the Volunteer Sump Pump program visit <https://blueprintneighborhoods.com/sumppump/>



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ALLOCATING \$3.8 MILLION IN HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAMMING: Councilmember [Priscilla Tyson](#), chair of the Health and Human Services Committee is sponsoring ordinance 0136-2019 to direct over \$3.8 million in grant funds toward drug addiction, mental health, outreach engagement, prevention and wellness programs. These funds will enable Columbus Public Health and the Franklin County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health (ADAMH) Services Board to provide treatment, counseling and prevention services to men, women, children/families, homeless population and to service clients referred by the criminal justice system.

CITY IMPROVES ACCESS TO PUBLIC PARKS: Councilmember [Elizabeth Brown](#), chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee is sponsoring ordinance 3425-2018 to amend city code to give the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department more flexibility to set rules for permitting of group activities. Under the current city code established in 1991, groups of 10 or more individuals were required to obtain a permit from the city. By eliminating the number requirement and giving more discretion to the Director, the Department can provide more opportunities and a better experience for residents to participate in group activities at city parks.

REVITALIZING NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS: Councilmember Shayla Favor, chair of the Economic Development and Small Business Committee is sponsoring ordinance 0178-2019 to provide design services for Interior/Exterior Renovation projects for areas in Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization (NCR) districts. The NCR areas include Franklinton, Hilltop, Main Street, Parsons Avenue, Long Street, Mount Vernon, and Cleveland Ave in Linden. The City has been sponsoring this program for about 10 years.

CITYWIDE TRAINING CENTER BOOSTS ENTREPRENEURIAL FUND: Councilmember [Emmanuel Remy](#), chair of the Administration Committee is sponsoring ordinance 0060-2019 to authorize an appropriation of \$22,000 for the Citywide Training Entrepreneurial Fund. This fund allows the Department of Human Resources to enhance the training supplies, equipment and course offerings at the Citywide Training and Development Center. The Citywide Training and Development Center is open to the public and City staff.

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