

**COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

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**COUNCIL RECOGNIZES CIVIL RIGHTS DEFENDER:** Council President [Shannon Hardin](#) is presenting resolution 0045x-2019 to recognize the Council of American-Islamic Relations' (CAIR) 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Banquet and to commend the organization for its service to Central Ohio's Muslim community. CAIR is America's largest Islamic civil liberties group and prides itself on its legal services to the community, employing staff attorneys who are dedicated to advocating and mediating on behalf of Muslims and others who have experienced religious discrimination, defamation, or hate crimes through their pro bono or low-cost legal services.

**COUNCIL PRESENTS AMENDMENTS TO 2019 OPERATING BUDGET:** Finance Chair [Elizabeth Brown](#) and City Council are amending ordinance 2870-2018 to reflect City Council's focus on good-paying jobs, strong neighborhoods, and creating pathways out of poverty. These priorities were informed by robust community engagement through more than 100 community meetings with more than 1000 hours of public conversation. Final passage of the operating budget is expected at the Council meeting on Monday, February 11th.

**CREATING COLUMBUS'S 20<sup>TH</sup> AREA COMMISSION:** Council President Pro Tem [Michael Stinziano](#) is sponsoring an ordinance for the creation of the Far West Area Commission. Residents on the Far West side of Columbus want to establish an area commission to enhance communication, understanding and policy development between the City and their community. Area Commissions work in cooperation with



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neighborhood groups, city officials and developers to create plans to serve as guidelines that strengthen neighborhoods that spur economic and social development.

**HONORING COLUMBUS POLICE CHIEF KIMBERLEY JACOBS:** Councilmember [Mitchell J. Brown](#) is presenting a resolution 0037X-2019 to recognize and honor retiring Columbus Division of Police Chief Kimberley K. Jacobs on her 39 years of service to the community. During her tenure as a dedicated public servant, Jacobs has helped to establish Columbus as one of the most renowned police divisions in the country. Chief Jacobs has made training and community policing her primary areas of focus. She has led the charge by increasing the amount of diversity, bias-based, and de-escalation training for the Columbus Division of Police. She has acted as a catalyst for initiatives such as the Division's Citizen Police Academy, implementation of a separate Domestic Violence report, and the complete reorganization of Internal Affairs to investigate all citizen complaints. Chief Jacobs holds herself to the highest standard of excellence by following the mission statement she created, "Columbus Division of Police officers are in service with the purpose to protect, with the passion to preserve, and with the utmost pride in our performance."

**TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH:** Councilmember [Priscilla Tyson](#) presenting a resolution to declare February 2019 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month in the City of Columbus, and to thank the Center for Family Safety and Healing and other organizations for their services supporting the victims of dating violence. Each year, approximately 1.5 million high school students experience physical abuse from a dating partner; moreover 3 in 4 parents have never talked to their children about domestic violence – one in three young people in the U.S. are affected by dating violence, one in five have been slapped, pushed, hit, threatened, or coerced by a partner; as a result February has been designated as a month for advocates to join together in efforts to raise awareness regarding dating violence, highlighting promising practices, and encouraging communities to become more involved.

**RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF AFRICAN AMERICANS:** Councilmember [Shayla Favor](#) presenting a resolution to recognize February as Black History Month in the City of Columbus and to celebrate the civil rights contributions of the NAACP and the strides it has made to protect the political, educational, social, and economic rights of all people.



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**CONFLUENCE VILLAGE PARK INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT BEGINS:** Councilmember [Emmanuel Remy](#), chair of the Public Service Committee is sponsoring ordinance 0345-2019 to initiate the first phase of the Confluence Village Public Infrastructure project. The legislation authorizes the expenditure of up to \$500,000 from the Streets and Highways Bond Fund.

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