

**COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

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MAXIMIZING ACCESS TO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: Council President [Shannon Hardin](#), chair of the Small and Minority Business Committee is sponsoring ordinance 0540-2019 to continue the Downtown C-Pass program. The program is managed by Capital Crossroads Special Improvement District in partnership with Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) and the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) to provide eligible downtown workers with access to the COTA bus system. Designed to proactively address parking shortages in the Downtown area, C-Pass is the largest program public/private transportation partnership program in the nation. It seeks to provide cost-effective transportation options to employees, improve air quality and reduce roadway congestion by shifting commuters from personal vehicles to public transportation. The City is in the second year of a three year sponsorship commitment. The program runs from June 1, 2018, through December 31, 2020.

EXPANDING ACCESS TO PRE-K CLASSROOMS ON THE WESTSIDE: [Elizabeth Brown](#), chair of the Finance Committee is sponsoring ordinance 0519-2019 to begin design services for a neighborhood education facility located in the Hilltop neighborhood. This legislation appropriates more than \$1.7 million to start the design process for what is expected to be a three-story, 45,000 square foot education center that will become part of a collaborative pre-kindergarten, elementary and afterschool education campus on the westside of Columbus. There will be additional rooms at the facility for Columbus City Schools programming as well as adult education classes.

COUNCIL VOTE TO BRING MILLIONS IN PAYROLL AND CAPITAL INVESTMENT TO THE CITY:

Councilmember [Emmanuel Remy](#), chair of the Economic Development Committee is sponsoring legislation that includes living wage job growth, major capital investments and the first job incentive



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agreements under the newly codified base wage requirement of \$15 per hour. Ordinances 0507-2019, 0545-2019, 0546-2019, 0547-2019 and 0563-2019 are estimated to bring 183 new jobs, retain 540 current jobs and generate more than \$11.3 million in total local payroll. The companies will not only commit to keeping and creating jobs but will also invest \$67.2 million in local facilities.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF WOMEN: Councilmember [Shayla Favor](#) is presenting resolution 0085X-2019 to recognize March as National Women History Month and celebrate the accomplishments of the first female police chief of The Ohio State University Chief Kimberly Spears-McNatt. In 1987, Congress passed legislation to designate March as Women’s History Month. Since 1988, U.S. presidents have issued annual proclamations designating the month of March as Women’s History Month. On, January 1, 2019, Kimberly Spears-McNatt became The Ohio State University’s 11th police chief and made history as the first female to hold the role. Columbus City Council proudly makes the dual declaration to honor the achievements and historical strides of women.

TAKING A STANCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS: Councilmember Rob Dorans, chair of the Public Utilities Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 0367-2019 to maintain healthy waterways and remain compliant with environmental protection laws which include including the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), Ohio’s Voluntary Clean Up and Brownfields Laws and regulations, and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act. This legislation authorizes the Department to improve its environmental management system that includes training and ensuring environmental compliance in order to sustain an effective Environmental Management System.

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