

**COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

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**CELEBRATING WORKERS:** Council President [Shannon Hardin](#) is presenting resolution 0104X-2019 to acknowledge the accomplishments of George Meany Community Labor Lifetime Award recipient Walter L. Workman. The award was presented at the Central Ohio AFL-CIO's George Meany Awards Banquet. Workman represents the true meaning of leadership not only by his commitment and dedication to organized labor but to the community as a whole.

**UPLIFTING ARTS IN THE COMMUNITY:** President Pro Tem [Elizabeth Brown](#), chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee is sponsoring ordinance 0763-2019 to support the Community Arts Project at The King Arts Complex. Funding for this partnership between The King Arts Complex and city to provide arts enrichment programs began in 1992 and this ordinance extends that partnership through 2019. This partnership enhances the quality of life of Columbus residents by supporting access to and participation in vibrant locally produced arts experiences. The city also funds the operation and maintenance of the Garfield School facility.

**COUNCIL TO ACCEPT \$1 MILLION FOR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAM:**

Councilmember [Priscilla Tyson](#), chair of the Health and Human Services Committee is sponsoring ordinance 0730-2019 to accept \$1.05 million for the Reproductive Health and Wellness grant program. The program also includes family planning services. Eligible patients will include women from the Columbus Public Health's Women's Health Services program at postpartum and women who have had a negative pregnancy test through walk-in pregnancy testing service.



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**RESOLUTION TO DEFEND THE FUTURE OF THE CLEAN AIR ACT:** Councilmember [Emmanuel Remy](#), chair of the Economic Development Committee is presenting resolution 0091X-2019 to urge the United States Environmental Protection Agency to maintain the current Mercury and Air Toxics Standards and the regulation of coal and oil-burning power plants as set in the Clean Air Act. The current limits have reduced the release of mercury and other hazardous pollution created as a by-product of coal- and oil-burning power plants into the environment by more than 90%. This reduction in mercury emissions has resulted in 4,500 fewer cases of chronic bronchitis, 11,000 fewer cases of acute bronchitis and 220,000 fewer cases of respiratory symptoms per year. The economic impact is remarkable with 850,000 fewer missed workdays and \$90 billion in benefits from improved national health.

**COUNCIL TO AUTHORIZE \$197,000 TO SUPPORT SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM:** Councilmember [Mitchell J. Brown](#), chair of the Veterans and Senior Affairs Committee, is sponsoring ordinances 0669-2019 and 0671-2019 to appropriate \$197,000 to the Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program. This program, managed by LifeCare Alliance, will provide vouchers for approximately 5,500 seniors to redeem with local organized markets, including the North Market, in various Central Ohio counties.

**USING TECH TO ADVANCE MOBILITY:** Councilmember [Shayla Favor](#), chair of the Public Service and Transportation Committee is sponsoring ordinance 0741-2019 to execute an educational campaign aimed for the new multi-modal trip planning app (MMTPA) and use of smart mobility hubs (SMH). The goal of the Smart Columbus program is to connect people by creating opportunities for city residents to better access jobs and services while improving the overall safety and efficiency of the transportation network. Goals of the project include: creating awareness of MMTPA and SMH, driving downloads and trial of MMTPA, driving foot traffic to SMHs, driving new and repeat transactions within MMTPA, and driving usage of services at SMHs.

**A \$3.5 MILLION INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE IN THE HILLTOP:** Councilmember [Rob Dorans](#), chair of the Public Utilities Committee is sponsoring ordinance 0649-2019 to authorize more than \$3.5 million for the Greater Hilltop Area Water Line Improvements Project. The goal of this project is to replace or rehabilitate the water lines that have a high break frequency. Replacement of these water lines will improve water service, decrease the burden on water maintenance operations, and reduce water loss.

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