

**COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

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**HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF REVEREND CHARLES E. BOOTH:** Council President [Shannon Hardin](#) is presenting resolution 115X-2019 to celebrate the life and legacy of Reverend Dr. Charles E. Booth senior pastor of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church. With more than 50 years of pastoral leadership, Dr. Booth was a giant in the community. His ministry reached far beyond the pulpit, as he also enriched the community as an activist on the issues of poverty, homelessness, criminal justice and civil rights. His message and impact will continue to uplift residents and the City of Columbus.

**INVESTING IN COLUMBUS' PARKS:** President Pro Tem [Elizabeth Brown](#), chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee is sponsoring ordinance 0755-2019 to restore and improve the ponds at Franklin Park. Funding for this project is made possible through the Voted Recreation and Parks Bond Fund. The project will include reconstructing three pedestrian bridges and the connecting features between the ponds to mimic natural stream conditions with native plant species including a natural wetland filtration system. These improvements will provide expanded recreation and educational opportunities at the park.

**SUPPORTING HOUSING FOR OUR MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES:** Councilmember [Priscilla Tyson](#), chair of the Health and Human Services Committee is sponsoring ordinance 0831-2019 to authorize, \$100,000 for the 2019 Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program. The HOPWA program provides for the implementation of long-term comprehensive strategies for meeting the housing needs of low-income persons with HIV/AIDS and their families. This legislation will allow the Board of Health to contract with Jewish Family Services to provide supportive employment services. Supportive Employment Services provides employment support for HIV positive HOPWA TBRA clients, identified for participation, to acquire and maintain employment. The long-term goal of this service is



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for clients to acquire and/or strengthen their skills to become successful in the workplace, increase their financial stability, which will result in graduation from housing subsidy assistance provided through HOPWA-TBRA.

**PREPARING TO HOST “THE” MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE:** Councilmember [Emmanuel Remy](#), chair of the Economic Development Committee is sponsoring ordinance 0652-2019 to provide financial support for transportation and logistics, facility and equipment expenses, marketing, hospitality, food and non-alcoholic beverages for the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) 2019 Annual Meeting and Exposition. The City of Columbus has been selected as the host city for this event, which will be held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, August 10-13, 2019. This annual conference draws over 5,000 attendees, fills approximately 16,800 hotel rooms and generates over \$16 million in direct visitor spending. The ASAE is a management professional organization that consists of over 42,000 individual members and 7,300 organizations and helps its members navigate a continually changing environment in which shifting demographics and other business and societal trends are requiring organizations to adapt to remain relevant. Its organizational members are trade associations and individual membership societies that represent almost every sector of the economy.

**INVESTING IN WASTEWATER RECYCLING:** Councilmember [Rob Dorans](#), chair of the Public Utilities Committee is sponsoring ordinance 0701-2019 to invest nearly \$13 million in the City of Columbus Green Action Plan. This action continues the City’s efforts to beneficially re-use biosolids generated at wastewater treatment plants. Biosolids are organic materials produced during the City’s wastewater treatment process and can be used to benefit local agriculture.

**GREEN CANOPY PROJECT COMING TO MILO-GROGAN:** Councilmember [Shayla Favor](#), chair of the Public Service and Transportation Committee is sponsoring ordinance 0789-2019 for the Milo Grogan Second Avenue Street Trees project along East Second Avenue between North 6th Street and St. Clair Avenue. The Columbus Foundation awarded the City grant funding of up to \$166,000.00, payable over two years, from the Joseph A. Jeffrey Endowment Fund to support the installation of street trees within the project limits, consistent with recommendations outlined in the Greening America’s Capitals report published by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

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