

**COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

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COUNCIL VOTE TO BRING HUNDREDS OF NEW JOBS TO THE CITY: Councilmember [Emmanuel V. Remy](#), chair of the Economic Development Committee is sponsoring ordinance 1211-2019 to enter into a strategic jobs growth incentive with Columbus-based Root Insurance. The agreement is projected to create 863 net new full-time permanent positions bringing in an estimated annual payroll of more than \$60 million. Root Insurance is also proposing to invest approximately \$3 million in capital improvements to expand headquarters and administrative operations including the 80 E. Rich Street location. The new 65,000-square-foot office to be located at 3435 Stelzer Road will allow the company to hire 400 additional claims and customer support staff to accommodate its ongoing success.

SUPPORTING LGBTQIA+ YOUTH WITH MUCH NEEDED RESOURCES: Council President [Shannon Hardin](#) is sponsoring ordinance 1115-2019 in support of Kaleidoscope Youth Center's KYC Connections program. KYC Connections serves as the initial point of contact for young people in need of community support. The program provides coordinated, direct access to services and resources to support transition-aged young people seeking self-sufficiency. Kaleidoscope Youth Center (KYC) is the largest and longest standing organization serving LGBTQIA+ youth in the State of Ohio. Since 1994, KYC has been the leader and expert in meeting the needs of and supporting LGBTQIA+ young people in the central Ohio community.

UPLIFTING THE NUTRITIONAL NEEDS OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OVER THE SUMMER: President Pro Tem [Elizabeth Brown](#), chair of the Recreation and Park Committee is sponsoring ordinances 0976-2019, 1239-2019 and 1240-2019 to keep Columbus children fed and nourished when meals through school are unavailable. The collection of legislation is a holistic, multifaceted approach to address food insecurity on multiple levels.



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Ordinance 0976-2019 supports the 2019 City of Columbus Recreation and Parks Summer Food Program and provides nutritionally balanced breakfasts, lunches and snacks to qualified children in need over the summer. The program serves approximately 195,000 breakfast meals, 340,000 lunch meals and 95,000 snacks to thousands of children at 240 sites.

Ordinance 1239-2019 supports the Children’s Hunger Alliance summer meals program. This unique partnership is a pilot program that offers meals at five open sites during the summer of 2019. An open site serves meals to any child 18 years of age and younger. Children participating in the meal service are not required to be enrolled in a program.

Ordinance 1240-2019 enters into a grant agreement with the Family Mentor Foundation in support of the organization’s Buddy Boxes program. Buddy Boxes provide nutritious food for children on weekends. The goal of the program is to bridge the gap that food insecure school children face on weekends when breakfast and lunch are not available through school.

INNOVATIVE TRAINING HELPING PROSECUTORS UNDERSTAND ROOT CAUSES OF NON-VIOLENT

CRIME: Councilmember [Priscilla Tyson](#), second chair of the Public Safety Committee is highlighting ordinance 0919-2019 to provide funding for 30 City prosecution staff to undergo training that helps prosecutors to better understand root causes motivating non-violent, misdemeanor criminal behavior (i.e. poverty, mental health and substance use disorders with specific focus on opioid addiction) as well as develop diversion and prevention strategies that connect individuals with the proper systems for support, treatment and/or rehabilitation. The training includes one week of immersive, highly interactive learning experiences followed by weeks of online lessons and virtual discussion forums along with twelve months of technical assistance. Training is experiential by design to ensure prosecutors not only learn background information but also have opportunities to apply and practice skills throughout the training period.

REFINING SHORT-TERM RENTAL LEGISLATION: Councilmember [Rob Dorans](#) is sponsoring ordinance 1079-2019 to amend regulations for short-term rental operations and hosting platforms. This legislation repeals and replaces sections of Chapter 598 of the Columbus City Code to streamline certain sections of the licensing process, host and hosting platform requirements and penalties. The city’s goal of the legislation is to balance the well-being and interests of City residents and visitors while allowing short-term rentals to operate and become a piece of the economic and tourism fabric in Columbus.



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SEALING OUR CITY STREETS: Councilmember [Shayla Favor](#), chair of the Public Services and Transportation Committee is sponsoring ordinance 1057-2019 to allocate more than \$1.5 million for preventative surface treatment of 140 and the slurry sealing of 117 streets in the City of Columbus. The plan also calls for areas of full depth pavement repair, and other work as may be necessary to complete the contract. This contract will provide improvements for a total of 257 City streets as we continue our commitment to ensure better neighborhoods for our residents.

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