

**COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

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HONORING DR. JUNE GUTTERMAN: Council President [Shannon Hardin](#) is sponsoring resolution 0166x-2019 to honor, recognize and congratulate Dr. June Gutterman on her Retirement as CEO of Jewish Family Services. She has served as the CEO of Jewish Family Services since 2009 and worked tirelessly in support of Central Ohio’s vulnerable populations. A life-long ally to those living with disabilities and a community leader, Gutterman has advocated for all residents to participate fully in the workforce.

IMPROVING COLUMBUS’ TREE CANOPY: President Pro Tem [Elizabeth Brown](#), chair of the Recreation and Park Committee is sponsoring ordinance 0977-2019 to authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into a \$89,318.00 contract with Greenscapes Landscape Co., Inc. for the installation of 282 street trees in UIRF districts. As a part of the Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund, the plantings were requested by community leaders on the South Side and Livingston Avenue Area commissions and are a part of the city’s ongoing commitment to improve neighborhood tree canopies.

FUNDING TO SUPPORT ADDICTION PREVENTION AND TREATMENT: Councilmember [Priscilla Tyson](#), chair of the Health and Human Services Committee sponsored ordinance 1200-2019 which will support \$70,000 in funding for programs offered by Columbus Public Health’s Alcohol and Drug Services (ADS) Division. The ADS prevention programs will serve approximately 9,526 unique clients, who may receive multiple services, through Columbus City Schools, After School/Summer programs and Recreation Centers. The ADS Comprehensive Treatment Program will provide treatment services to approximately 1,050 men and women of that 32 percent are women and 68 percent are men. The treatment program will be providing Medication Assisted Treatment to approximately 105 clients. Additionally, Columbus Public Health is expanding their Outreach services to serve approximately 500 clients.

STREAMLINING DATA CITY-WIDE: Councilmember [Rob Dorans](#) is sponsoring ordinance 1087-2019 to enter into contract with Sogeti USA, in order to acquire a citywide Data Management Platform for a contract of \$2,288,000. With a centralized platform, City departments will be able to interface directly with each other, cutting down on the time it would take to accomplish projects. The acquisition will include training and data governance to ensure city staff are up to speed on the new platform and quickly able to provide services to our community.

IMPROVING THE POLICY BODY WORN CAMERA PROGRAM: Councilmember [Mitchell J. Brown](#), chair of the Public Safety Committee, sponsored ordinance 1163-2019 to authorize \$180,000 from the Public



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Safety Initiative Subfund for the purchase of software maintenance, support and continued investment for the Division of Police's body worn camera program. While the program is still in its infancy, body cameras have already proven to be an effective tool for monitoring interactions between law enforcement officers and the public. It has helped to enhance transparency and accountability, but has also provided our community with an insight into the difficult decisions officers have to make on a daily basis.

MASCOT CONTEST FOR THE CLEANER COLUMBUS LITTER MITIGATION CAMPAIGN: Councilmember [Emmanuel V. Remy](#) has announced a contest for Columbus City Schools students to design a mascot for the City's litter reduction campaign. The school attended by the student with the winning submission will receive a \$1,500 first place prize, awarded in the student's name, to be used in support of arts education or environmental sustainability. Second and third runners up will each receive \$500. All entries must be submitted by May 17, 2019, by 11:59pm.

REHABILITATING CITY BRIDGES: Councilmember [Shayla Favor](#), chair of the Public Service and Transportation Committee, sponsored ordinance 1221-2019, to begin routine rehabilitation of 31 bridges in Columbus, utilizing \$1,597,529.00 from the Streets and Highways Bond Fund. As part of this ordinance, bridges across the City will see concrete patching, waterproofing, placement of scour countermeasures, channel cleanout, deck overlay, asphalt repairs, brush removal, lighting repairs, and beam painting.

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