

**COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

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**HONORING AMBER EVANS:** Council President [Shannon Hardin](#) sponsored resolution 0174x-2019 to honor the life of Columbus activist Amber Evans with the Create Columbus Commission’s Visionary Award. Evans held leadership roles in the People’s Justice Project, Voices of the Unheard, the Juvenile Justice Coalition, and other community organizations where she built community and advocated for social and economic change. She had the unique ability to forge meaningful connections with everyone she met across Columbus. Amber Evans passed in early 2019 at the age of 28, but her memory will live on.

**EXPANDING ACCESS TO THE COLUMBUS ZOO FOR KIDS:** Council President Pro Tem [Elizabeth Brown](#), chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee, chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee is sponsoring ordinance 1224-2019 to authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into a contract with The Columbus Zoo to transport approximately 2,400 children from the City’s playground program to the zoo free of charge. Transportation, admission, backpacks, and souvenirs are provided by the Zoo as a part of their Melvin B. Dodge Fund. This is a yearly partnership between the city and the zoo that serves 30 city playgrounds.

**EXPANDING ELECTRIC AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES:** Councilmember [Shayla Favor](#), chair of the Public Service and Transportation Committee, sponsored ordinance 0954-2019 to authorize the Chief Innovation Officer to execute a professional services contract with EasyMile, Inc. relative to the Smart City Challenge - Connected Electric Autonomous Vehicle project. This contract will authorize the expenditure of up to \$1,125,000 to grow our fleet of electronic autonomous vehicles in Linden. Currently, two 15-passenger, ADA-accessible electric, self-driving shuttles are expected to be used on the route.

**CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF EMS IN COLUMBUS:** Councilmember [Mitchell J. Brown](#), chair of the Public Safety Committee sponsored resolution 0173X-2019, to designate May 19-25, 2019 as Emergency Medical Services Week and Celebrate 50 years of EMS in Columbus.

**INCOME TAX TRANSFER TO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS:** Councilmember [Emmanuel V. Remy](#), chair of the Economic Development committee sponsored ordinance 1327-2019 to authorize and direct the City Auditor to transfer \$1,113,492 to local school districts in an income tax revenue sharing measure by authority of ORC Section 5709.82.



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**PROVIDING GRANT FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS:** Councilmember [Priscilla Tyson](#), chair of the Health and Human Services Committee sponsored ordinance 1170-2019 to authorize the Director of Development to execute \$4,464,907 in grant agreements with various social service agencies to address and provide for multiple human service needs. Granting awards to forty-four programs which will provide services to residents of Columbus within one or more of the City's Five Investment Strategies of Income through Employment, Job Quality, Education and Training, Financial Capability and Stabilization and Resource Support.

**IMPROVING SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE:** Councilmember [Rob Dorans](#), chair of the Public Utilities committee sponsored ordinance 1159-2019 to authorize the Director of Public Utilities to enter into an engineering agreement for the Storm Sewer Large Diameter Condition Assessment Project to enable the City to systematically inspect and rehabilitate our storm sewer infrastructure. It is anticipated that approximately 102,200 linear feet of storm sewer infrastructure will be assessed and rehabbed as needed.

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