

COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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MAXIMIZING CITY RESOURCES: Council President [Shannon Hardin](#) and Council Finance Chair [Elizabeth Brown](#) are sponsoring ordinances 2694-2018 and 2723-2018 to update City code and to retain the services of an investment advisor under the guidelines established by the Ohio Revised Code. Working with an investment advisor will allow the City to maximize its investment capabilities to the benefit of taxpayers.

KEEPING COLUMBUS WATERWAYS IN GOOD WORKING CONDITION: Council President Pro Tem [Michael Stinziano](#), chair of the Public Utilities Committee is sponsoring several utilities ordinances to improve and maintain water lines to protect drinking water in the City. This allocation is a major infrastructure investment in the Eastmoor, Walnut Ridge and North Linden neighborhoods.

DEVELOPING A STRATEGIC PARKING PLAN FOR THE CITY: Councilmember [Emmanuel Remy](#), chair of the Public Service and Transportation Committee is sponsoring ordinance 2582-2018 to authorize the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract to create and develop the strategic parking plan for selected neighborhoods in the City of Columbus. The intent of this project is to provide the City of Columbus, Department of Public Service, Parking Services Division with the necessary parking studies and data tools in selected Columbus neighborhoods to make public parking more efficient and available.

INCREASING THE URBAN CANOPY: Councilmember [Elizabeth Brown](#), chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee is sponsoring ordinance 2455-2018 for the installation of 792 street trees throughout Columbus. The tree canopy is a critical component of the City's green infrastructure that helps to improve air quality, mitigate the urban heat island effect, reduce stormwater runoff, and decrease utility



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costs for nearby homes and businesses by creating shade in the summer and blocking wind in the winter. The new trees will be planted in areas that either have lost canopy due to emerald ash borer infestation or would benefit from additional trees as identified by the Department of Recreation and Parks Master Plan.

EXPANDING AND SUPPLEMENTING COMMUNITY CORRECTION PROGRAMS: Councilmember [Jaiza Page](#), chair of the Judiciary and Court Administration Committee is sponsoring ordinance 2692-2018 to accept a grant award from the State of Ohio, Office of Criminal Justice Services to appropriate \$50,000 to the Probation Department of the Franklin County Municipal Court. This grant will fund one of the two assessment specialists. The dollars will be used to expand and supplement community correction programming.

FUNDING INFANT MORTALITY PROGRAM - CELEBRATEONE: Councilmember [Priscilla Tyson](#), chair of the Health and Human Services Committee is sponsoring ordinance 1698-2018 to accept a grant for the Ohio Equity Institute 2.0 program to improve birth outcomes. CelebrateOne has been awarded a grant from the Ohio Department of Health, Bureau of Maternal and Child Health in an amount equal to \$509,872.00. This project will allow CelebrateOne to focus needed resources in nine zip codes within Franklin County that have the greatest potential to positively impact the birth outcomes of pregnant African-American women at risk for preterm and low birth weights in Franklin County.

PREPARING GROUND FOR NEW FIRE STATION 16: Councilmember [Mitchell J. Brown](#), chair of the Public Safety Committee is presenting ordinance 2661-2018 This project consists of demolition and removal of the existing structures (building and dumpster enclosure), infill of existing building foundations, and removal and capping of existing utilities at 1465 Oakland Park Avenue. This contract will include demolition of the current structure to prepare the site for the future construction of Fire Station 16. Station 16 was originally built in 1952.

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