

COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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CELEBRATING THE QUARTER HORSE CONGRESS: Council President [Shannon Hardin](#) is presenting resolution 0298X-2018 to recognize and celebrate the 52nd All American Quarter Horse Congress. The event is the largest single-breed horse show in the world and attracts more than 650,000 people to Columbus and contributes around \$382 million to the local economy.

BUILDING STRONGER MULTIGENERATIONAL COMMUNITIES: Council President Pro Tem [Michael Stinziano](#) and Councilmember [Priscilla Tyson](#) are sponsoring an ordinance to support the operation of three senior service organizations participating in the nationally recognized Village Movement. The program works to ensure that older adults are able to age in their homes and remain in their community. The organization and neighborhoods are Village Connections in German Village/Merion Village; Village in the Ville in Clintonville; and At Home by High in the Short North/Weinland Park area. By strengthening the bonds between neighbors and recognizing the invaluable skills and knowledge held by older adults, the Village Movement hopes to provide a greater quality of life for all community members.

UPGRADING OUR PARK SYSTEM: Councilmember [Elizabeth Brown](#), chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee is sponsoring ordinance 2453-2018 to authorize expenditures in the amount of \$450,000.00 for various professional architectural, engineering and construction management services in conjunction with park, trail and facility capital improvement projects. This legislation allows the Department of Recreation and Parks to fund needed upgrades and repairs to public spaces and facilities throughout the remainder of the year.



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FUNDING NON-LEGAL RESOURCES FOR INDIGENT RESIDENTS: Councilmember [Jaiza Page](#), chair of the Judiciary and Court Administration Committee is sponsoring ordinance 2771-2018 to authorize an additional appropriation of \$30,000.00 for the Franklin County Municipal Court Judges (FCMC) Assisted Civil Self-Help Fund. The program provides information about the court system and non-legal assistance to civil litigants qualifying as indigent. The FCMC Self Help Resource Center is a free walk-in service to help individuals represent themselves in court without a lawyer. They cannot offer legal advice but can point people in the right direction. Legal information includes court forms, tools to help complete court forms, and answers to general questions about court procedures. The Center is open on a walk-in basis - no appointment necessary.

SUPPORTING MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH: Councilmember [Priscilla Tyson](#), chair of the Health and Human Services Committee is sponsoring ordinance 2744-2018 to accept a grant from the Ohio Department of Health in the amount of \$117,875.00 for the Maternal and Child Health grant program. The funding will address the high rates of overweight children in Franklin County, improving adolescent health and building resiliency while decreasing high infant mortality rates with significant racial disparities through the Fetal Infant Mortality Review program.

UPGRADING POLICE TECHNOLOGY: Councilmember [Mitchell J. Brown](#), chair of the Public Safety Committee is presenting ordinance 1782-2018 for the purchase of a forensic server and six forensic workstations. This equipment will be utilized by the Division of Police Digital Forensic Unit to investigate and process all digital related cases. The new server and workstations will allow for increased productivity and decrease the amount of time it takes to analyze the digital information for their cases.

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