

**COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

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CELEBRATING COLUMBUS URBAN LEAGUE’S YOUNG PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP: Council President [Shannon Hardin](#) is presenting a resolution to recognize the work and achievements of Columbus Urban League Young Professionals President Habiba Bankston. Bankston has helped connect members of the Columbus African American community through the creation of the Columbus Urban League Young Professionals network and by highlighting minority-owned businesses with the creation of Black Restaurant Week.

CREATING GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE IN LINDEN: Council President Pro Tem [Michael Stinziano](#) is sponsoring an ordinance to support the Volunteer Sump Pump Program. The program consists of installing sump pumps to reduce residential backups in the neighborhood. This effort is part of the Blueprint North Linden plan. Blueprint Columbus was developed to eliminate the source of sanitary sewer overflows by incorporating the use of green infrastructure, which provides significant environmental benefits to the community. Green infrastructure leads to permanent jobs. For more information on the Volunteer Sump Pump program visit <https://blueprintneighborhoods.com/sumppump/>

REAFFIRMING COUNCIL’S COMMITMENT TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Councilmember [Elizabeth Brown](#), chair of the Finance Committee and Councilmember [Jaiza Page](#) are sponsoring ordinance 2776-2018 to adopt the 2019 Action Plan Budget. This is the fourth year of the five year "Consolidated Plan" and allocates over \$12 million for the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships, Emergency Solutions Grant and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS programs. It represents a continuing commitment to provide decent housing, suitable living environments and expanded economic opportunities for Columbus residents.



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INCREASING ACCESS TO SAFE POINT SERVICES: Councilmember [Priscilla Tyson](#), chair of the Health and Human Services Committee is sponsoring ordinance 3109-2018 to authorize the Board of Health to update the existing contract with Equitas Health to continue to provide the harm reduction program, Safe Point through December 31, 2019. The harm reduction services provided by Equitas Health allows clients who are at high risk of accidental overdose death access to the lifesaving drug, Naloxone. Clients who participate in the Safe Point program are provided access to many types of care that addresses substance use disorder as well as other social determinants of health. Throughout 2017, Safe Point has provided 1,518 referrals for alcohol and drug treatment, 1,029 linkages to medical care and 472 referrals for behavioral or mental healthcare services.

SUPPORTING TECH TO SHAPE HOW PEOPLE MOVE IN THE CAPITAL CITY: Councilmember [Emmanuel Remy](#), chair of the Public Service and Transportation Committee is sponsoring ordinance 2864-2018 to appropriate \$840,000.00 for the Multimodal Trip Planning Application (MMPTA). The City of Columbus won the U.S. Department of Transportation Smart City Challenge to create a fully integrated, first-of-its-kind city that uses data, technology and creativity to shape how people and goods move in the future. Increasingly, citizens in urban areas view mobility as a service and expect seamless connections as they move from mode to mode. The MMPTA project will provide this functionality and improve upon the existing tools currently available to users.

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