

**COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

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COUNCIL OBJECTS TO RENEWAL OF LOCAL LIQUOR PERMITS: Councilmember [Mitchell Brown](#) is sponsoring eight resolutions (0367x, 0369x, 0371x, 0372x, 0373x, 0375x and 0376x-2018) to object to the renewal of liquor permits. Based on concerns expressed by the community and evidence provided by the Columbus Division of Police and the Columbus City Attorney's office, it has been determined the permit holders of these premises have operated the liquor permit business in a manner that demonstrates a disregard for the law, regulations or local ordinances of Ohio and the City of Columbus. It has been determined the continued operation of these establishments will result in the interference of public decency, sobriety, peace and good order in their respective neighborhoods.

BRINGING SMART STREET LIGHTING TO LINDEN: Council President Pro Tem [Michael Stinziano](#) is sponsoring an ordinance to convert the Columbus' existing streetlight system to a Smart Lighting System. The \$1,081,488.05 project will upgrade the majority of the City's existing streetlight fixtures with LED equivalents over several years. Upgrades will occur throughout the City's roadways, neighborhood streets, Downtown central district and bridge underpasses. The project will be conducted in several phases with Phase 1 beginning in the Linden neighborhood.

FUNDING COMPREHENSIVE OPIOID PREVENTION: Councilmember [Jaiza Page](#), chair of the Judiciary and Court Administration is sponsoring ordinance 2883-2018 to fund the Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-based Program (COAP). The funding will enhance and expand critical prevention, intervention and data-driven action designed to promote successful implementation of the Franklin County Opiate Action Plan for the period of October 1, 2018, through September 30, 2021. The \$2,697,853 in funding will expand trauma and resource coordination supports available to children and other family members impacted by



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overdose and enhanced treatment and recovery supports available to justice-involved individuals who start medication assistance treatment under jail supervision.

SUPPORTING HIV PREVENTION AWARENESS PROGRAMMING: Councilmember [Priscilla Tyson](#), chair of the Health and Human Services Committee is sponsoring ordinance 3299-2018 to accept a grant from the Ohio Department of Health in the amount of \$1,446,253.67 for the HIV Prevention Grant program. The HIV Prevention Grant program enables Columbus Public Health to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate HIV counseling and testing/referral, partner counseling and health education/risk reduction behavior modification programs. Services are provided to residents of Columbus and Franklin County, with special emphasis on men who have sex with men, individuals with high-risk sexual contact, youth and injection drug/substance users.

STANDING WITH STUDENTS BY SUPPORTING EXPANSION OF GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

Councilmember [Elizabeth Brown](#), chair of the Education Committee is sponsoring resolution 0391x-2018 to support the extension of graduation options for the classes of 2019, 2020 and 2021. The State of Ohio implemented new, more rigorous testing standards for the class of 2018 as a requirement for graduation which raised concern that without adequate time these students would not be prepared to meet these new testing standards. Two alternative pathways to graduation were created for the class of 2018 in response to these concerns. As long-term graduation standards are being deliberated by the Ohio General Assembly, immediate legislative action is necessary to prevent the irreparable damage that would result from thousands of students failing to receive a high school diploma in the 2019, 2020 and 2021 classes who would otherwise successfully graduate if they were provided the same opportunities as the class of 2018.

SUPPORTING THE ENVIRONMENT BY FUNDING LANDFILL DIVERSION STUDY: Councilmember [Emmanuel Remy](#), chair of the Public Service and Transportation Committee is sponsoring ordinance 3166-2018 to enter into contract for landfill diversion study. This ordinance serves to extend the life of the landfill operated by the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO). The City, along with SWACO and other regional municipalities, have identified challenges to recycling programs. The intent of the Recycling Program Consultant Study is to prepare and execute a study of the City of Columbus' recycling program.



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