



**COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

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2016 OPERATING BUDGET: Councilmember [Priscilla R. Tyson](#) is sponsoring ordinances 2887-2015, 2888-2015 and 2889-2015 to enact the 2016 operating budget. Overall, the budget will maintain city services at current levels and add \$2.2 million to the Rainy Day Fund. Throughout the budget process, City Council members are guided by the principles of maintaining strong, healthy neighborhood services, protecting public safety and fighting for jobs.

DIVISION OF FIRE OUTFITTING: Councilmember [Mitchell J. Brown](#) is sponsoring ORD. 0137-2016 to provide the Division of Fire with turnout gear. This expenditure allows Columbus firefighters to receive the proper and best equipment to continue protecting public health, property, safety and welfare.

COMMUNITY-BASED HEALTH: Chair of Health and Human Services, Councilmember [Priscilla R. Tyson](#), is sponsoring an ordinance that authorizes the Board of Health to enter into a contract with Columbus Neighborhood Health Center, Inc. These funds allow neighborhood health centers to provide primary health care and dental services to underserved neighborhoods. It also prevents any delay of services to patients.

WATER SAFETY: Councilmember [Michael Stinziano](#) will announce his hearing on Tuesday, February 9, 2:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, to discuss the Department of Public Utilities' efforts to maintain water quality and drinking water safety. Those who wish to address Council are welcome to fill out a speaker slip at City Hall on the day of the meeting.

EXPERIENCE COLUMBUS ANNIVERSARY: Council President [Zach Klein](#) will congratulate Experience Columbus on its 75th year of operation, growth and showcasing the best of Columbus to the world. Because of its work, visitors spend over \$5.7 billion annually in the city supporting businesses, the arts, human services and local causes, while focusing on building the region's economic future.

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