MINORITY HEALTH MONTH: President Pro Tem Priscilla Tyson is presenting a resolution to declare April 2016 as Minority Health Month in the City of Columbus. This month-long initiative works to advance health equity across the City, promote healthy living, showcase providers of grassroots healthcare resources and highlight health disparities in minority and underserved communities. Events in Columbus this month include Walk With-A-Doc, Mobile Mammogram Screenings, Community Health Forums, Wellness Events, Clinical Management of STDS, Find Your Park get active initiatives and Cancer Disparity Presentations.

STREET RESURFACING: Chair of the Public Service Committee, Shannon Hardin is supporting ordinance 0926-2016, which authorizes the Director of Public Service to enter into a $11,139,101.75 contract with Strawser Paving Company for repairing and resurfacing 108 city streets and constructing 750 ADA curb ramps. This is the second phase of a three-phase program, which began April 6, 2016, to improve the quality and prolong the life of the City’s streets and highways.

HEALTHY HOMES: Councilmember Michael Stinziano is supporting ordinance 0647-2016, which enters into an annual cooperative agreement with Columbus Public Health to provide funding for the Healthy Homes Program. For the past fifteen years, the Columbus Division of Water and Columbus Public Health partnered in a national pilot program to help eliminate lead exposure in homes. The program provides risk assessment services in reported cases of excessive levels of lead in children under six years of age and provides educational and preventive lead exposure services in the community.

COAAA: Councilmember Jaiza Page, Chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 0373-2016 to transfer matching funds to pay employee salaries at the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging (COAAA). COAAA plans, funds and develops services that make our communities
places where individuals can live with independence and dignity. It also coordinates and arranges services for more than 8,000 individuals who participate in community based long term care programs including PASSPORT, MyCare Ohio, the Ohio Home Care Waiver and the Franklin County Senior Options Program.

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