

## COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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**MENTAL HEALTH MONTH:** President Pro Tem [Priscilla Tyson](#) is sponsoring resolution 0122X-2016 to declare May 2016 as Mental Health Month in Columbus. One in five Americans will be affected by a mental health condition in their lifetime. This month is dedicated as a time to focus national attention on the importance of mental health, recommit our community to increase awareness, improve understanding and highlight mental health service providers in our community.

**ADA CURB REPAIR:** Councilmember [Shannon Hardin](#), chair of the Public Service and Transportation Committee, is supporting ordinance 1288-2016, for engineering, technical and surveying services in connection with the ADA Ramp Projects – 2016 General Engineering project. The work done under this program are typically small to moderate sized improvements, with an emphasis on curb ramp design, mitigation of ponding at curb ramps and other minor rehabilitations as requested.

**COMPREHENSIVE TAX INCENTIVE STUDY:** Councilmember [Elizabeth Brown](#) is presenting resolution 0124X-2016 to support a comprehensive study of City of Columbus tax incentives utilized to protect tax dollars and encourage smart and sustainable growth in all our neighborhoods. The Department of Development plans to undertake a comprehensive study of tax incentives to utilize resources in the most strategic and efficient manner possible. Columbus has a successful history of public-private partnerships that revitalize neighborhoods and encourage economic development. The City uses tax incentives to compete in regional, national and global markets as well as attract businesses, skilled workers and quality jobs.

**PARCELS TO PLACES:** Councilmember [Jaiza Page](#), chair of the Housing Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 1267-2016, which authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a contract with the Affordable Housing Trust for Columbus and Franklin County to provide grants to



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finalists in the Parcels to Places competition for improving vacant parcels in the Land Bank program. Parcels to Places is a pilot project which showcases creative ideas and strategies for transforming Columbus' vacant land into an asset that contributes to community needs.

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:** Chair of the Utilities Committee, [Michael Stinziano](#), is sponsoring ordinance 0988-2106, which enters into a contract with ARCADIS U.S., Inc. to provide full-service assistance for general security and emergency preparedness related services for the Department of Public Utilities. These services include all-hazard threat vulnerability assessments, risk assessments, meeting facilitation, field visits, risk mitigation, emergency planning, training, policies and procedures, program development and implementation, AutoCAD and GIS managed by the Department of Public Utilities.

**NEW POLICE SUBSTATION:** Council President [Zach Klein](#) is co-sponsoring ordinance 1358-2016 with Councilmember [Mitchell J. Brown](#), chair of the Public Safety Committee. This legislation authorizes the Director of Finance and Management to execute the necessary documents to purchase approximately 3.79 acres of land located on Sancus Boulevard for the construction of a new police substation. This far north area has undergone significant commercial and residential growth over the past several years creating a need for a new substation.

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