

COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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2016 VOTED BONDS PACKAGE: President Pro Tem [Priscilla Tyson](#) is sponsoring resolutions 0141X-2016 – 0144X-2016 in association with the 2016 Voted Bond Package. These resolutions allow the City to seek voter approval in the November general election to issue debt in support of projects to improve public health, safety, recreation, services and utilities.

HEALTHCARE WORKER AND PATIENTS PROTECTION: Councilmember [Elizabeth Brown](#) is sponsoring ordinance 1458-2016 in the Rules and Reference committee which amends Chapter 2317 of Columbus City Codes with the addition of provisions that protect health care workers and patients attempting to access health care and reproductive health care facilities and to do so free from obstruction and harassment. The new provisions prohibit harassment and/or obstruction of health care and reproductive health care facilities. Doing so would be a violation of which is subject to a charge of misdemeanor in the first degree.

PASSPORT PROGRAM: Councilmember [Jaiza Page](#), chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee, is sponsoring ordinances 1381-2016 and 1382-2015, which provide funding for the PASSPORT program. This program provides home care services as an alternative to nursing home admission for Medicaid eligible clients. Services include case management, adult day care, homemaker, meals, personal care, respite, transportation and emergency response. Approximately 5,900 clients are currently being served by the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging (COAAA) under the PASSPORT program.

NEXTGEN HEALTHCARE: Chair of the Technology Committee, [Michael Stinziano](#), is sponsoring ordinance 1299-2106, which renews an agreement with NextGen Healthcare Information Systems, LLC for hosting and supporting an electronic medical record system for Columbus Public Health. The hosted system enables the Columbus Public Health Department to efficiently operate five major clinical operations providing an extensive array of services. The software enables patient registration, appointment



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scheduling, monitoring and tracking of patient test results, creation and processing of electronic medical records and generation of reports to help manage clinic operations.

“KNOX” BOXES: Councilmember [Mitchell J. Brown](#), Public Safety committee chair, is presenting ordinance 0263-2016 to purchase 91 Knox Box Key Retention Products and related supplies for the Division of Fire from Knox Associates. These products are self-contained units that retain a master key in each fire emergency vehicle without dependence on a radio release signal from dispatch. A lack of rapid access for emergency responders may result in substantial property damage due to fire extension and forced entry, increased danger to occupants and fire fighters or an increased risk of injury or death due to a delay in the administration of emergency medical services.

SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS: Chair of the Small and Minority Business Committee [Shannon Hardin](#), is sponsoring ordinances 1578-2106, 1579-2106 and 1580-2016, to proceed with the Plan of Services and provide for the levy of assessments to property owners within the Capital Crossroads, Morse Road and Short North Special Improvement Districts. These districts supplement City services and include ambassador services, street and sidewalk maintenance, security, area beautification, programming and marketing.

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