COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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RECOGNIZING GREATER COLUMBUS HELPING HANDS FOUNDERS: President Pro Tem Priscilla Tyson is presenting resolution 0170X-2016 to thank Dorothy and Hank Evans for their support of educational programs throughout Columbus. The Evans founded Greater Columbus Community Helping Hands, Inc. to promote educational, civic, recreational and wellness activities that enhance the lives of youth in the City. Since 2006, the organization has provided more than $475,000.00 in student and non-profit support to organizations like the Columbus Scholar House Program, the King Arts Complex Youth Programs, the Boys and Girls Clubs, Ballet Met Minority Outreach Programs, Performing Arts Programs, Momentum and Homeport Community Center Programs.

WYANDOT LODGE CONSTRUCTION: Councilmember Jaiza Page, chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 1531-2016, which enters into contract for the construction of the new Wyandot Lodge at the McKnight Outdoor Education Center. The project has been designed as the first Net-Zero Energy building located in the City of Columbus. This means over the course of a year, the building will generate as much electricity as it consumes. The building is a showcase of net-zero energy design and serves as an educational tool of how similar improvements can be achieved at home. The building will be staffed by the CRPD Outdoor Education Staff and host a wide variety of educational programing including housing the very popular summer day camp.

FORT HAYES HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL ACHIEVEMENT: Councilmember Elizabeth Brown is presenting resolution 0173X-2016 to recognize the outstanding achievement of students at Fort Hayes High School for the completion of the PARAGON, VOL. 1: "Someday We'll All Be Free” music project. This album has received national attention and positive reviews from critics and created opportunities for the students involved in both academics and music. This project is a remarkable example of collaboration, musical talent and ambition inspiring the expression of ideas, creativity and the importance of being open to all experiences and viewpoints.
ADA CURB REPAIR: Councilmember Shannon Hardin, chair of the Public Service and Transportation Committee, is supporting ordinance 1796-2016, which enters into contract with Decker Construction Company for up to $1,240,875.88 for the ADA Ramp Projects - Citywide Curb Ramps 2016 Project 1. This project builds ADA curb ramps at various locations in Columbus based on the 311 Service Request Ramp Priority List.

PROJECT BLUEPRINT: Chair of the Public Utilities Committee, Michael Stinziano, is sponsoring ordinance 1313-2106, which enters into a construction contract for the Blueprint Hilltop Lining Project. In 2015, the Department of Public Utilities received permission from the Ohio EPA to tackle the issue of sanitary sewer overflows and basement back-ups with an inventive new approach, known as Project Blueprint. This exciting and ambitious project is cost effective, better for the environment and innovative. The Department is on track to have the work finished across the city by the year 2035. For more information, please visit: https://www.columbus.gov/utilities/projects/blueprint/.

RECOGNIZING MARYHAVEN'S PRESIDENT: Council President Zach Klein is presenting resolution 0172X-2016 to praise and recognize Paul Coleman for his commitment to helping those in need of drug and alcohol abuse and addiction treatment. Coleman served on the Board of Directors for Maryhaven for 25 years. Through his leadership and the dedication of his staff, the facility has gone from treating less than 2,000 patients a year to over 10,000 patients annually. The agency has also become accredited for behavioral health and addiction recovery services with 25 programs in Franklin and five surrounding counties.

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