

COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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FOCUS HEP C GRANT PROGRAM: President Pro Tem [Priscilla Tyson](#), chair of the Health and Human Services Committee, is presenting ordinance 1835-2016 to accept and appropriate a total of \$252,107 in grant money to fund the FOCUS Hep C grant program. The FOCUS Hep C grant program allows Columbus Public Health to seek to reduce morbidity and mortality associated with Hepatitis C. Additional Hepatitis C screening are made available through the Sexual Health and Alcohol and Other Drug programs. Persons who screen positive for Hepatitis C through these programs will be referred to a Linkage to Care Specialist.

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS: Councilmember [Jaiza Page](#), chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 1935-2016, which establishes appropriations in the amount of \$9,500 to provide grants to local charities and non-profit organizations in support of recreational summer programming. Simba/Simsa and Always With Us Charities offer several programs to support at-risk youth including advocacy, education, enrichment and mentoring services.

RECOGNITION OF STARFISH ALLIANCE: Councilmember [Elizabeth Brown](#) is presenting resolution 0183X-2016 to honor Starfish Alliance on its 14th anniversary. Starfish Alliance was founded on August 23, 2002 with the mission of empowering foster care youths to overcome the adversity in their lives. The organization works with the local community to create a safety net for young adults who have experienced foster care by providing them with mentors, peer groups, leadership seminars and connection to career prospects. Its goal is to return hope and inspiration to youths who have experienced abuse, neglect, loss and separation and provides them with an avenue to obtain a safe and prosperous economic and social future.

SMART CITIES GRANT: Councilmember [Shannon Hardin](#), chair of the Public Service and Transportation Committee, is supporting ordinances 1863-2016 and 1900-2016, which authorize the Director of Public



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Service to enter into multiple contracts for the development and initialization of project and program work plans for the US Department of Transportation Smart City Challenge Grant Program. The City of Columbus was awarded up to \$40 Million in federal funds, along with up to \$10 million in matching funding from Vulcan, Incorporated to assist with implementing the City's proposal to reduce congestion, keep travelers safe, protect the environment, respond to climate change, connect underserved communities and support economic vitality.

SECURITY INITIATIVE: Chair of the Public Safety Committee, [Mitchell J. Brown](#), is sponsoring ordinance 1836-2016, which appropriates funding for the joint Ohio State University and Columbus Division of Police Crime Interdiction Security Initiative. This long-standing collaboration has been in place for mutual assistance and use of resources to address criminal activity and emergencies. Examples of law enforcement activity include student move-in/out times, the start of academic classes and high profile campus events.

FIRE HYDRANT REPLACEMENT: Chair of the Public Utilities Committee, [Michael Stinziano](#), is sponsoring ordinance 1630-2106, which enters into a construction contract for the 2016 Fire Hydrant Replacements Project. The goal of this project is to replace broken fire hydrants at various locations within the Columbus Water Distribution system to make sure fire hydrants in the City of Columbus are ready to be used if needed.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT: Council President [Zach Klein](#) is sponsoring ordinance 1733-2016, which enters into a contract with Alvis, Inc. for \$250,000 in support of physical improvements for a planned substance abuse and treatment center. The center's Choices program works to improve the overall health, welfare and strength of the community, and includes financial literacy, workforce development and education.

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