

COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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EQUITAS HEALTH INVESTMENT: President Pro Tem [Priscilla Tyson](#) is presenting ordinance 2372-2016 to appropriate \$10,000 to Columbus Public Health (CPH) for a total \$20,000 contract with Equitas Health. This ordinance, sponsored by Council President [Zach Klein](#), continues a partnership with CPH's Harm Reduction Program to fight the opiate crisis. In an effort to combat this drug problem, Columbus Public Health (CPH) has initiated a community-wide comprehensive Harm Reduction Program to address heroin and opiate use. Part of this effort includes making Naloxone readily available to heroin and opiate users. Naloxone, also known as Narcan, reverses the effects of overdose for opioids such as heroin. The Board of Health is expanding its partnership with Equitas Health to provide for the procurement and distribution of Naloxone and to provide counseling services to users.

WATER TREATMENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS: Chair of the Public Utilities Committee [Michael Stinziano](#) is sponsoring ordinance 2229-2016 to authorize the Director of Public Utilities to apply for and execute up to 26 Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Agreements with the Ohio Water Development Authority and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. These loans will be used for capital improvement projects for the construction or design of sanitary, stormwater and treatment engineering. This loan fund program provides below-market interest rate loans for municipal wastewater treatment improvements.

COLUMBUS DREAM CENTER RECOGNITION: Councilmember [Jaiza Page](#) is presenting resolution 0229X-2016 to recognize the Columbus Dream Center for providing outstanding programs and service to the community. The Columbus Dream Center, established in October 2015, is a non-profit faith based organization dedicated to providing hope to low income, homeless and underserved individuals and families in Columbus. The organization is volunteer driven. Since the beginning of the year, staff has trained over 300 new volunteers to serve the needs of the people in the City. The Center hosts other



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events to bring communities together by offering a fun and safe environment. This includes free lunches, activities and a mobile pantry to help provide necessity items to families.

ENERGY ACTION MONTH: Councilmember [Elizabeth Brown](#) is presenting resolution 0228X-2016 to recognize October of 2016 as Energy Action Month in Columbus. The City recognizes the need for energy efficiency and an abundant supply of safe, reliable and affordable sources of energy for our growing region. Columbus leads by example. In 2015, the City procured over 15% of electricity used in operations from renewable sources. It is now working towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 30% from city operations and 20% from the community by the year 2020. Finally, Columbus is willing to work with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission to help income-eligible households participate in energy efficiency programs that provide weatherization services, heating improvements and education on energy usage to residents.

LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT: Councilmember [Mitchell Brown](#) is sponsoring ordinance 2299-2016 to accept a \$2,500 law enforcement grant from the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators (NADDI). These funds support increased enforcement and education in the prevention of prescription drug abuse. An appropriation of those funds is necessary for planned training expenditures. Attendance at the NADDI annual conference is one of several specialized training sources for valuable prescription drug diversion information and educational seminars addressing current and emerging criminal trends.

ETHICS LEGISLATION: Council President [Zach Klein](#) is sponsoring resolution 0230X-2016 to establish an ethics policy and designate an ethics officer for City Council. In March, City Council passed ordinance 0086-2016 which enacted new Section 2321.56 in Chapter 2321 of the Columbus City Codes. This section requires each municipal office establish an ethics policy for the office, require annual ethics training for persons in the office and designate a person in the office to coordinate the ethics policy within that office.

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