

COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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WOMEN, INFANT AND CHILDREN PROGRAM: President Pro Tem [Priscilla Tyson](#), chair of the Health and Human Services Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 2353-2016 to authorize the Board of Health to accept a \$6,655,579 grant from the Ohio Department of Health for the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program. The primary goal of the program is to provide nutritionally desirable food and nutrition education to pregnant and lactating women, infants and children at nutritional risk in Franklin County. Recipients must meet categorical, income and nutritional risk requirements for eligibility.

SMART COLUMBUS TECHNOLOGY: Chair of the Technology Committee [Michael Stinziano](#) is sponsoring ordinance 2508-2016 to enter into an agreement for technology staff augmentation services. The Department of Technology requires additional staff to assist in the design of the open-data architecture that will be used by the City and the Smart Columbus program. The additional resources will coordinate design efforts with City staff, businesses, grants and information technology partners.

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER: Councilmember [Shannon Hardin](#), chair of the Small and Minority Business Development Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 2455-2016 to authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into contract with Columbus State Community College supporting its Small Business Development Center. The Center is a one-stop shop for helping small businesses succeed. It provides free one-on-one advising by Certified Business Advisors and free or low-cost business trainings. It focuses on a business' needs, regardless of industry, from seed to maturity and all steps in-between. With advisors fluent in Spanish, the Center is also able to reach immigrant populations within Columbus that might be unable to use English-exclusive services.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH: Councilmember [Jaiza Page](#) is sponsoring resolution 0232X-2016 to congratulate Second Baptist Church on its 180th anniversary. The church is renowned as the oldest



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African American Baptist Church in Columbus founded by James P. Poindexter, a black abolitionist and strong leader in the community. Its history spans from the 1800s to a modern-day emphasis of transforming lives and outreach ministries that include a food pantry, homeless shelter support, clothing ministry and community initiatives.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK: Councilmember [Mitchell Brown](#) is sponsoring resolution 0233X-2016 to declare the week of October 9-15, 2016 as Fire Prevention Week in Columbus. The week's theme this year is "Don't Wait-Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years." The Columbus Division of Fire is educating citizens on the importance of knowing the age of each smoke alarm their home and replacing them 10 years after the manufacture date. Every year in the United States, there are 2,500 deaths that result from home fires. Of these deaths, 60% occur during fires where no working smoke alarm is present.

CREATIVE CAMPUS ACTION AGENDA: Councilmember [Elizabeth Brown](#) is sponsoring ordinance 2278-2016 to authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into contract with Columbus State Community College. This contract provides support for operational costs with implementing the Creative Campus Action Agenda. Beginning in 2011, Columbus State collaborated with the City and other stakeholders throughout a two-year planning process to create a master plan. This plan identifies the need for dedicated leadership to advance the neighborhood stakeholders' development initiatives. It coordinates project implementation that includes neighborhood commons, shared parking, improved pedestrian access and buildings that support the region's workforce and economic development needs.

COLUMBUS MARATHON: Council President [Zach Klein](#) is sponsoring ordinance 0236X-2016 to honor and recognize the 37th Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon and Half Marathon on Sunday, October 16, 2016. The Columbus Marathon is the largest marathon in Ohio and, last year, was the 17th largest marathon in the United States. Over the past three years, the marathon raised over \$4.5 million for the life-saving work of the hospital. This year, there is a field of 18,000 runners, walkers and wheelchair participants. Children are encouraged to participate in the Highlights Kids' Run.

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