

## COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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**BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH:** President Pro Tem [Priscilla Tyson](#), is presenting resolution 0240X-2016 to declare October 2016 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Columbus. Each year, more than 200,000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer in the United States. Numerous studies have shown that early detection saves lives and increases the options for treatment. The American Cancer Society also provides information, emotional support and day-to-day assistance for women who have already been diagnosed with breast cancer.

**QUARTER HORSE CONGRESS:** Councilmember [Michael Stinziano](#) is presenting resolution 0238X-2016 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the All American Quarter Horse Congress. The first annual All American Quarter Horse Congress was held in Columbus in 1967 at the Ohio State Fairgrounds and has become the largest single breed horse show in the world. The event draws over 650,000 visitors to the City and contributes more than \$200 million to the local economy.

**AMERICAN ADDITION IMPROVEMENTS:** Councilmember [Shannon Hardin](#), chair of the Public Service and Transportation Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 2438-2016 to provide payment of construction, administration and inspection services for the American Addition project. Over \$4 million has been allocated for the reconstruction of all streets and alleys in the subdivision. The community will have new sidewalks, landscaping, storm sewer, rain gardens, water lines, street lighting and other necessary traffic control devices.

**OHIO DEPARTMENT ON AGING GRANT:** Chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee [Jaiza Page](#) is sponsoring ordinance 2398-2016 to authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into contracts with 30 community agencies totaling \$6,525,000. These contracts include services for



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provision of meals, adult day care, homemaker, personal care, transportation, home repair and legal services. The programs are expected to serve approximately 20,000 individuals.

**NEW PLAYGROUND DEDICATION:** Councilmember [Elizabeth Brown](#) is sponsoring resolution 0239X-2016 to recognize the dedication of the new playground at Columbus Collegiate Academy - Dana Avenue. The school was able to redevelop its playground to benefit its students and the community thanks to generous grants from the Columbus Blue Jackets Foundation and the Columbus Youth Foundation. Improvements include replacement of unsafe playground equipment, removal of old soil and weeds, resealing and repainting asphalt, adding a mulched play area and two new basketball courts. This project represents the positive impact that can be achieved through collaborative investments in Columbus neighborhoods.

**SMALL BUSINESS PILOT PROGRAM:** Council President [Zach Klein](#) is sponsoring ordinance 2582-2016 to authorize a contract for \$20,000 between Columbus City Council and the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship at The Ohio State University. Chair of the Small and Minority Business Development Committee [Shannon Hardin](#) is presenting the ordinance that partners Council with the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship to conduct a pilot program. The intention of the pilot is to provide access to services for businesses that would otherwise face challenges to make the organizational decisions necessary to achieve strong growth. Students and faculty from The Ohio State University are pairing with local businesses and non-profit organizations to provide management analysis, market research and recommendations for organizational growth and expansion. The funding provides resources necessary for the Center to assemble a team of students and faculty, derive a process for interacting with the chosen organizations and develop the materials necessary for executing the pilot phase.

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