

## COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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**LOCAL FOOD ACTION PLAN:** President Pro Tem [Priscilla Tyson](#) is presenting resolution 0275X-2016 to adopt the Columbus and Franklin County Local Food Action Plan. Nearly one in five children in Columbus is food insecure and more likely to experience chronic disease. Additionally, less than twenty-five percent of adults in Franklin County report consuming the recommended servings of five or more fruits and vegetables a day. The plan includes ways to improve how people access and grow food. It also focuses on how to increase the availability and affordability of healthy, local food and teaches people convenient and healthy ways to feed themselves and their families. Additionally, it supports a stronger market for local food businesses, creates jobs and fosters community revitalization and bolsters food waste prevention efforts.

**STREET LIGHT IMPROVEMENTS:** Councilmember [Michael Stinziano](#), chair of the Public Utilities Committee, is supporting ordinance 2508-2016 to enter into a contract for street light improvements. The project provides decorative fiberglass poles with LED post top luminaires along Cleveland Avenue. Additionally, as requested by the residents of the area, the project also removes existing High Pressure Sodium (HPS) lighting.

**DISPARITY STUDY:** Councilmember [Shannon Hardin](#) is supporting ordinance 2805-2016 to authorize the implementation of a disparity study through the Office of Diversity and Inclusion (ODI). This disparity study will analyze city procurement operations to determine whether there is a disparity between the availability of minority, women-owned, and disadvantaged business enterprises and the city's utilization of those businesses. The results of the study will help support the ODI's mission of ensuring diversity and inclusion in the City of Columbus. The Equal Business Opportunity Commission Office (EBOCO) will make the transition to the ODI, effective January 1, 2017.



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**PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS:** Chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee [Jaiza Page](#) is sponsoring ordinance 2558-2016 to contract associated professional services to complete the Big Walnut Preservation Public Improvement Project. The project provides high quality stream corridor protection to benefit the Big Walnut watershed located near Stygler Road. Councilmember Page is also sponsoring ordinance 2532-2016 to contract for associated professional services to complete the Big Run Preservation Public Improvement Project. This project also provides high quality stream corridor protection for the Big Run watershed located near Clime Road.

**CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE PROGRAM:** Councilmember [Elizabeth Brown](#), chair of the Education Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 2730-2016 to enter into a contract with Columbus State Community College to provide an accelerated Child Development Associate program. The program trains up to 50 preschool teachers who are already serving Columbus children, helps meet the Mayor's goal that every 4-year-old in Columbus has access to a high-quality early childhood education and helps meet the State's goal that all early childhood education programs be Step Up To Quality rated by the year 2020. Addressing early childhood learning brings awareness and resources to a critical learning stage in childhood development. Children who come to school ready to learn are more likely to succeed academically and in life.

**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES:** Councilmember [Mitchell Brown](#) is sponsoring resolutions 0261X-2016 0262X-2016 to recognize Officers James Ingles and Jennifer Mancini for being named CIT Officers of the Year by NAMI Franklin County. The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) program is a model for community policing that brings together law enforcement, mental health providers, hospital emergency departments and individuals with mental illness and their families to improve responses to people in crisis. Councilmember Brown is also presenting resolution 0263X-2016 to recognize Kay Werk for over 37 years of service to Netcare Access, providing mental health training to Columbus Fire and Police.

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