

COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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YOUTH TOBACCO CESSATION: President Pro Tem [Priscilla Tyson](#) is sponsoring ordinance 2911-2016 to authorize and direct the Board of Health to enter into contract for youth tobacco prevention and cessation tools. Tobacco use is a contributing factor in 4 out of the 5 leading causes of death in the Linden, South Side and Westside neighborhoods.

STREET LIGHT IMPROVEMENTS: Councilmember [Michael Stinziano](#), chair of the Public Utilities Committee, is supporting several ordinances to enter into contracts for street light improvements throughout the City. Ordinance 2756-2016 provides the Milo Grogan area with decorative and overhead street lighting. Ordinance 2760-2016 provides a standard street lighting system on Mock Road, Innis Road and the North Central Area with LED luminaires as requested by area residents. Ordinance 2761-2016 provides a decorative street lighting system on East Main Street, from South Gould Road to Barnett Road, and on Oak Street, near the 18th Street intersection. Ordinance 2776-2016 replaces existing aluminum poles and High Pressure Sodium (HPS) cobra head luminaires to black poles and LED shoebox-shaped fixtures on existing foundations with 3-wire installation on South High Street from Williams Road to Obetz Road.

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS: Councilmember [Shannon Hardin](#) is sponsoring ordinance 3009-2016 to contract services for Main Street intersection improvements at McNaughton Road. The project includes widening for an eastbound right turn lane on Main Street, reconstructing existing traffic signals and constructing sidewalks on both sides of Main Street, in the Far East Community Planning Area. Overall, the project makes improvements to improve safety and provide additional capacity for motorists and pedestrians.



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LEAD SAFE COLUMBUS PROGRAM: Chair of the Housing Committee [Jaiza Page](#) is sponsoring ordinance 2947-2016 to authorize the Director of the Department of Development to modify contracts with the Franklin County Board of Health and ATC Associates for additional lead based paint testing, risk assessments, work specification preparation and final clearance testing for the Lead Safe Columbus Program. The City received grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allowing the Lead Safe Columbus Program to provide property owners with grants for lead safe, affordable housing for families with low and moderate income by providing lead abatement activities in accordance with HUD guidelines.

NORTHWEST PLAN ADOPTION: Councilmember [Elizabeth Brown](#), chair of the Economic Development Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 2941-2016 to adopt the Northwest Plan as a guide for development, redevelopment and planning of future public improvements. The area covers approximately 20 square miles. The Northwest Plan update was initiated at the request of the Northwest Civic Association. Members of the Northwest Civic Association and Far Northwest Coalition provided direction throughout the planning process with three public meetings, three civic workshops, stakeholder interviews, surveys and review of planning policy. The Plan provides land use and development policy for the Northwest area and includes design guidelines for commercial and residential development.

BODY WORN CAMERAS: Council President [Zach Klein](#) and Public Safety Chair [Mitchell Brown](#) are sponsoring ordinances 3078-2016 and 3124-2016 to enter into a contract for the Division of Police to purchase body worn cameras and associated accessories, software, maintenance and support. The evaluation committee reviewed bids consisting of representatives from the City Attorney's Office, Mayor's Office, Fraternal Order of Police, Department of Technology, Division of Police and Department of Public Safety. Additionally, the Division of Police provided approximately 30 police officers to participate in a pilot program to test all provided equipment. After reviewing the evaluation committee's work, the directors of Finance and Management and Public Safety recommended acceptance of the proposal submitted by Enforcement Video, LLC dba WatchGuard Video.

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