

COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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SUPPORTING THE SHELTER BOARD: President Pro Tem <u>Priscilla Tyson</u> is sponsoring ordinances 0551-2016 and 0553-2016 to enter into contracts totaling \$3,976,916.00 with the Community Shelter Board. This investment will help continue the implementation of homelessness prevention services and its crisis response system. These programs help homeless men and women transition more efficiently and effectively from a place of homelessness to permanent housing and stability.

STREET RESURFACING: Chair of the Public Service Committee, Shannon Hardin is supporting ordinance 0517-2016, which allows the City to enter into a \$12,709,417.86 contract with Kokosing Construction Company for work on 160 streets and 898 ADA curb ramps. This is the first phase of a three-phase program, beginning April 6, 2016, to improve the quality and prolong the life of the City's streets and highways.

WATER CONSERVATION: Councilmember <u>Elizabeth Brown</u> is sponsoring ordinance 0209-2016 to renew funding for the GreenSpot Backyards Program. Through collaboration between the City of Columbus and Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District, the GreenSpot Backyards Program will educate members of the community as to how they, as individuals, can help tackle the issues that excessive rainwater runoff can create, such as water pollution and localized flooding. For more information about the program or to find out how to get a free rain barrel, visit www.greenspotbackyards.org

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS: Councilmember <u>Michael Stinziano</u> is sponsoring a resolution to recognize March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. City Council continues to make Columbus the opportunity city for everyone by raising awareness and promoting opportunities that include full access to education, housing, employment and recreational activities.

CAP CITY NIGHTS FESTIVALS: Councilmember <u>Jaiza Page</u> is sponsoring ordinance 0360-2016 to enter into a contract with PMM Agency to provide professional and fiscal services for the Cap City Nights festivals in June, July and August. These events are a key component of the Recreation and Parks Department's Applications for Purpose, Pride and Success (APPS) program. This comprehensive

violence reduction strategy looks to empower targeted communities with focused outreach, live entertainment, active games, educational activities and workshops for the entire family.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION: Council President <u>Zach Klein</u> is presenting a resolution to Suzy Bureau for her inspiring work as a young, socially conscious entrepreneur. Bureau was chosen by the Create Columbus Commission for its quarterly recognition of noteworthy Young Professionals in the Columbus community.

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