COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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2017 OPERATING BUDGET: President Pro Tem Priscilla R. Tyson, chair of the Finance Committee, is sponsoring ordinances 2862-2016, 2863-2016 and 2864-2016 to enact the 2017 operating budget. The budget will maintain city services at current levels and add to the Rainy Day Fund. The budget will also transfer $2.5 million to the Council Initiatives fund. Throughout the budget process, City Council members are guided by the principles of maintaining strong, healthy neighborhood services, protecting public safety and promoting economic development.

WATER DISTRIBUTION IMPROVEMENTS: Chair of the Public Utilities Committee Michael Stinziano is sponsoring an ordinance to replace water lines in the Lamont Avenue area in North Linden. The water lines in the area have high break histories and require frequent maintenance. The project will improve water distribution quality in the Linden neighborhood.

COMMUNITY MASTER PLAN: Councilmember Shannon Hardin, chair of the Neighborhoods Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 0305-2017 to enter into a contract with the Neighborhood Design Center to develop a comprehensive community master plan for the Linden and Hilltop communities. These plans will create an overarching framework for investments and program coordination based on community input for these two neighborhoods.

TRAIL CONNECTOR IMPROVEMENTS: Councilmember Jaiza Page, chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 0029-2017 to modify the contract for the Alum Creek Trail - Westerville Road Connector project. The connector runs from Brandywine Park to Wingfield Street, where it directly connects to the regional trail. Once completed, over 2,000 residents will be able to directly access the Alum Creek Trail. Construction is scheduled to begin in summer of 2017.
PELOTONIA RECOGNITION: Council President Zach Klein is sponsoring resolution 0035X-2017 to recognize Pelotonia for its continued efforts in the fight against cancer. Pelotonia is a social movement that includes an annual weekend of cycling, entertainment and volunteerism. Every rider-raised dollar goes toward funding for The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center - James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute. The event has raised over 130 million dollars since its inception in 2008.

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