

COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE OUTPATIENT PROGRAM: President Pro Tem [Priscilla R. Tyson](#), chair of the Health and Human Services Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 0548-2017 to accept a grant service contract to fund the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Outpatient Program. Projects include outpatient treatment, women’s recovery, community prevention and immigrant women’s support groups. The prevention program serves approximately 5800 adults, young adults and their families.

CITY SOFTWARE RENEWALS: Councilmember [Michael Stinziano](#), chair of the Technology Committee, is sponsoring ordinances to support the software used for the City’s 911, 311 and GIS operations. This software also supports web-based applications utilized by City residents and employees, crime mapping, the My Neighborhood app, Capital Improvement Projects Map and Zoning Map applications. Additionally, it provides citywide desktop software used for efficient data maintenance and analysis.

SPECIALTY DOCKETS: Council President [Zach Klein](#) and Councilmember [Michael Stinziano](#) are sponsoring an ordinance to support the Franklin County Municipal Court’s Specialty Docket program. The program addresses drug, alcohol and heroin addiction. It also handles mental health issues and the special needs of human trafficking victims and veterans. The Specialty Docket program works to hold criminal offenders accountable while linking them with comprehensive treatment and services, which leads to a reduction in recidivism and increased community safety.

STREET REPAVING: Councilmember [Shannon Hardin](#), chair of the Public Service and Transportation Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 0487-2017 to enter into a contract for \$11,216,256.67 with Kokosing Construction Company to begin the Resurfacing 2017 Project. This contract includes resurfacing 130 City streets and constructing 593 ADA curb ramps throughout the City. Reconstruction



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of these streets and ramps improves the quality and safety of traveling in Columbus. Work is set to begin in early April.

JOBS GROWTH INCENTIVE AGREEMENT: Councilmember [Elizabeth Brown](#), chair of the Economic Development Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 0448-2017 to enter into a dual-rate Jobs Growth Incentive Agreement with Total System Services, Inc. (TSYS). The company seeks to establish a credit card production facility in Columbus with the capacity to produce 67 million credit cards. This would be TSYS' first site in Ohio. The agreement involves a total investment from the company of approximately \$24,500,000 to retrofit an existing building for the production of credit cards. The agreement is expected to create 140 new full-time permanent positions with a new annual payroll of approximately \$5,046,745 within the next three years.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING STUDY: Council President [Zach Klein](#) and Councilmember [Elizabeth Brown](#) are sponsoring ordinance 0574-2017 to address the rate of human trafficking, available services and support for human trafficking victims in Columbus. The contract with Community Research Partners will provide technical assistance and data sharing on the issue.

SENIOR WELLNESS: Councilmember [Jaiza Page](#), chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 0274-2017 to accept a grant from the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to support the 2017 50+ Fitness Program. The activities provided by the program include painting, sewing, dancing, chorus, acting, exercise and self-defense classes. The 50+ Fitness Program works to support citizens over 50 and improve their well-being. Additionally, there is free income tax help, holiday parties, trips, walking programs and athletics. The 50+ centers include Dodge, Gillie, Lazaelle Woods, Martin Janis and Whetstone community centers.

SUPPORTING THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT: Council President [Zach Klein](#) is sponsoring resolution 0069X-2017 to support the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and oppose the American Health Care Act (AHCA). On March 6, 2017, Congressional House leaders released the AHCA, which would significantly alter and repeal portions of the ACA. Comprehensive health benefits are essential to ensuring working families and retirees can get the health care they need, when they need it. Additionally, the AHCA severely impacts and reduces the expansion of Medicaid. In Ohio, over 700,000 people have enrolled in Medicaid due to the expansion, including more than 70,000 Franklin County residents as of January 2017.

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