

COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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CAR SEAT SAFETY: President Pro Tem [Priscilla R. Tyson](#), chair of the Health and Human Services Committee, and Councilmember [Michael Stinziano](#) are sponsoring ordinance 1021-2017 which allows Columbus Public Health to accept a donation of 100 car seats from the Toyota Buckle Up for Life Program. The collaboration promotes child passenger safety to ensure every child is buckled in properly. Seats are given to families in need who attend one of Columbus Public Health's Injury Prevention car seat educational sessions. At these sessions, attendees are taught how to properly install and secure children in the seat based on age, weight and height.

RECOGNIZING OHIO'S 2017 NATIONAL DISTINGUISHED PRINCIPAL: Councilmember [Elizabeth Brown](#) is sponsoring resolution 0137X-2017 to recognize Rhonda Peeples on being selected as Ohio's 2017 National Distinguished Principal. Peeples received this award from the National Association of Elementary School Principals for her vision, positive personality and strong commitment to the Weinland Park community. She won glowing praise from her peers for her work as principal of Weinland Park Elementary, a position she has held since 2013. Peeples has worked for Columbus City Schools since 2005.

CELEBRATING 42 YEARS OF SERVICE: Councilmember [Mitchell Brown](#) is sponsoring resolution 0109X-2017 to honor retiring Stephen A. Douglas, Ph.D, with 42 years of distinguished service with the Columbus Division of Police. In 1975, Douglas began teaching a class on Behavioral Science to cadets and has been involved in the instruction of every recruit class until March of 2017 for a total of 72 classes.

SUMMER ZOO DAYS: Councilmember [Jaiza Page](#), chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 0983-2017 to provide transportation, shirts and novelties for children



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participating in the Melvin B. Dodge Summer Zoo Days. This special Recreation and Parks summer program serves 30 City playgrounds and transports approximately 2,300 participants to the Columbus Zoo.

HEALTHY HOMES PROGRAM: Councilmember [Michael Stinziano](#), chair of the Public Utilities Committee, is sponsoring an ordinance to enter into a cooperative agreement with Columbus Public Health to participate in the Healthy Homes Program. For the past 16 years, the Columbus Division of Water and Columbus Public Health have been partners in a national pilot program combating lead in homes. Program services include phone consultations, information on asthma triggers, mandatory lead inspections for homes with lead poisoned children and free HEPA vacuum loan for lead hazard clean-up.

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