

## COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET:** President Pro Tem [Priscilla Tyson](#), chair of the Finance Committee, is introducing ordinance 1124-2017 - the 2017 Capital Improvements Budget. The passage of the proposed \$861 million budget supports capital projects that strengthen neighborhoods, improve citizen safety and spur economic development. The majority of the budget is allocated to neighborhoods, including citywide projects to upgrade and maintain water and sewer lines.

**OPPOSING LEAD INSPECTION RESTRICTIONS:** Councilmember [Elizabeth Brown](#) is sponsoring resolution 0150X-2017 to oppose provisions added to the state budget which restrict Columbus' ability to inspect and abate lead contamination in homes. It also encourages the Ohio Senate to remove these provisions. There are approximately 24 million homes in the United States with elevated levels of lead contamination. More than four million of these are homes to young children. State action restricting the ability of municipalities in Ohio to proactively inspect and abate lead contamination unnecessarily exposes children to the dangers of lead poisoning.

**SMALL BUSINESS TRAINING:** Councilmembers [Elizabeth Brown](#), [Shannon Hardin](#) and [Jaiza Page](#) are sponsoring ordinance 1326-2017 to provide funding for the Small Business Training Services Program. This program provides free access to citywide training opportunities for owners and employees of small businesses located in Columbus. To date, over 500 people have completed professional development training courses.

**YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM:** Councilmember [Jaiza Page](#), chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee, and Councilmember [Michael Stinziano](#) are sponsoring ordinance 1203-2017 to enter into a grant agreement for \$30,000 with Gladden Community House for support of the organization's youth sports program. For over four decades, Gladden has provided a large, year-round community-based team



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sports program for community children. Last year, the team sports program engaged 546 children and 62 community volunteer coaches. This program provided over 18,000 hours of healthy, constructive and positive activity for Franklinton and near west side children.

**CRITICAL SEWER REPLACEMENT:** Councilmember [Michael Stinziano](#), chair of the Public Utilities Committee, is sponsoring an ordinance for the Scioto Main Large Diameter Condition Assessment Project. This project makes necessary replacements to extend the life of the most critical sewers within the City. It also lowers operation and maintenance costs by increasing the pipe flow efficiency. This work keeps to the requirements of the Ohio Environment Protection Agency consent order. Sewers included are the Scioto Main - North, Scioto Main - Middle, Upper Scioto West and Upper Scioto NW Branch.

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