COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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BODY WORN CAMERA STORAGE: Council President Zach Klein and Councilmember Mitchell Brown, chair of the Public Safety Committee, are sponsoring ordinance 1150-2017 to authorize the Finance and Management Director to associate the purchase of video storage system and accessories for the Columbus Division of Police’s body worn camera program. Video storage products and services will be utilized by law enforcement to preserve recorded video interactions with the public or to store video evidence from crime scenes.

NEW KING-LINCOLN MEDICAL CENTER: President Pro Tem Priscilla Tyson, chair of the Finance Committee, and Councilmember Shannon Hardin are supporting ordinance 1279-2017 to support the King-Lincoln Medical Center and the Greater Columbus MPowerment Center. Equitas Health recently opened a new facility at 750 E. Long St. Additionally, the Greater Columbus MPowerment Center operated by Equitas Health is addressing the prevalence of HIV and AIDS in the minority community through programming that provides a community space and social support for male minority residents.

RICKENBACKER AREA STUDY: Councilmember Elizabeth Brown, chair of the Economic Development Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 1219-2017 to enter into contract with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) to conduct an area study of the Rickenbacker region. This study will analyze projected growth potential over the next 10-20 years. Primary areas of the study include infrastructure, housing, energy and economic development.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK: Councilmember Mitchell Brown is presenting resolution 0111X-2017 to declare the week of May 21-27, 2017 as Emergency Medical Services Week in Columbus. Over 1,500 members of the Columbus Division of Fire provide vital, lifesaving care to those in need. The emergency medical services system includes physicians, nurses, medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators and administrators.
MOUND STREET SIDEWALKS FUNDING: Councilmember Shannon Hardin, chair of the Public Service and Transportation Committee, is supporting ordinance 1199-2017 to enter into contract for the Mound Street Sidewalks project. The project includes adjusting curb lines on Mound Street to accommodate sidewalks, minor utility relocations, traffic signal work, lighting and drainage improvements.

HOUSING GRANTS: Councilmember Jaiza Page, chair of the Housing Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 1207-2107 to authorize the Director of the Department of Development to provide grants that assist homebuyers, renters, for-profit and non-profit developers affordable and market rate housing projects. These funds work to increase the local supply of decent, safe and sanitary housing and decrease the number of vacant properties in Columbus.

FESTIVAL LATINO: Councilmembers Jaiza Page and Michael Stinziano are sponsoring ordinance 1259-2107 to enter into a contract for Festival Latino. Funds for the event will secure performing artists of Latino heritage, provide marketing, recruit volunteers, host free family activities, oversee event operations, obtain required state and city permits and clean the venue. This event was funded by the Special Events Support Program created earlier 2017 by Recreation and Parks Department. The program assists community groups, non-profit organizations and neighbors hosting free events that celebrate cultural, ethnic and artistic diversity.

INTERNET SECURITY: Councilmember Michael Stinziano, chair of the Technology Committee, is sponsoring an ordinance to establish a purchase order for McAfee annual software support. This annual software provides maintenance and support for technology security used to protect City email and workstations from viruses and other malicious applications.

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