

## COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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**COLUMBUS CITY CODE ENACTION:** Council President [Zach Klein](#) is sponsoring ordinance 1304-2017 to enact a new section of the Columbus City Code that prohibits denial of City services, misuse of City resources and solicitation of information about a person’s immigration status by City employees or officials. It is the responsibility of municipal leaders to protect the well-being and safety of all people living in their cities. Columbus is best served by reinforcing and instituting strong public policies that respect the rights of all individuals, regardless of national origin or immigration status, and promote strong police-community relations.

**SAFE POINT PROGRAM FUNDING:** Council President [Zach Klein](#) and President Pro Tem [Priscilla Tyson](#), chair of the Health and Human Services Committee, are supporting ordinance 1300-2017 to provide continued support of Safe Point, a community-wide, comprehensive, harm reduction program. Columbus, along with other major cities, is fighting an opiate epidemic with devastating and often deadly consequences. According to Equitas Health’s client data, at least 187 lives were saved because of access to the lifesaving drug, Naloxone provided by Safe Point.

**CAR SEAT PROGRAM FUNDING:** President Pro Tem [Priscilla Tyson](#) and Councilmembers [Shannon Hardin](#), [Jaiza Page](#) and [Michael Stinziano](#) are sponsoring ordinance 1378-2017 to support the car seat program provided by Columbus Public Health. In coordination with the CelebrateOne infant mortality reduction initiative and Safe Kids Central Ohio Injury Prevention program, this program distributes and installs child safety seats in vehicles for qualifying city residents. Car seats are provided to qualified residents at reduced prices. Additionally, certified staff members assist families who already have car seats by helping them install the seat properly into their vehicle at no cost to the family.

**SOFTWARE SUPPORT:** Councilmember [Elizabeth Brown](#), chair of the Economic Development



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Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 1037-2017 to renew the Department of Development's contract with Carahsoft Technology Corp for the continued use of their Salesforce software. This software allows the City to provide enhanced customer service in an open and interactive environment, while improving coordination of development efforts between City departments and regional partners including Columbus 2020 and JobsOhio. The continued use of this software helps attract new jobs to Columbus and improves the experience of residents and businesses that interact with the City.

**GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH:** Councilmember [Mitchell Brown](#) is presenting resolution 0165X-2017 to recognize June as Gun Violence Awareness Month in Columbus. Each year on June 2, thousands of Americans wear orange to remember those lost to gun violence and to raise awareness about the epidemic of gun violence in our communities. In 2016, more than 15,000 people were killed by a firearm and over 30,000 were injured. With violent crime on the rise across America and here in Columbus, it is important for residents and law enforcement officials to build partnerships that keep our communities safe.

**IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH:** Councilmember [Shannon Hardin](#) is presenting resolution 0159X-2017 to recognize and celebrate the month of June as Immigrant Heritage Month. Columbus is proud of its history of welcoming and accepting all groups of people. This is exemplified by its New American Initiative, which outlines a comprehensive strategy to provide equal opportunities to all refugees and immigrants. Immigrants contribute cultural richness to the City and are active participants in the economy.

**FIBER OPTIC MAINTENANCE:** Councilmember [Michael Stinziano](#), chair of the Technology Committee, is sponsoring an ordinance for maintenance and restoration services of the City's fiber optic infrastructure. The City owns approximately 500 miles of fiber optic cabling in various strand count quantities throughout Columbus and services are needed to regularly inspect and maintain these assets. The contract covers labor, equipment and materials needed to ensure reliable operation of the City's fiber network.

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