

COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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RESILIENCY PROGRAM FUNDING: Council President [Zach Klein](#), President Pro Tem [Priscilla Tyson](#) and Council collectively are sponsoring ordinance 1414-2017 to appropriate \$175,000 to Columbus Public Health supporting the Community Resiliency Program. The funding expands the Community, Action, Resilience and Empowerment (CARE) Coalition, a trauma unit program, which is a combination of social service providers and social workers supporting communities that have experienced traumatic events.

EXPANDING BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA: President Pro Tem [Priscilla Tyson](#), chair of the Health and Human Services Committee and Councilmember [Michael Stinziano](#) are supporting an ordinance to enter into a grant agreement with Boy Scouts of America, Simon Kenton Council, to support refugee and immigrant recruitment efforts. The Boy Scouts of America, partnering with My Project USA, look to bring the scouting program to refugee/immigrant populations in the Wedgewood, South Park and River Point neighborhoods. The goal of this partnership is to provide safe, structured programming to young males.

COLUMBUS REGION ENERGY LOAN FUND: Councilmember [Elizabeth Brown](#), chair of the Economic Development Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 1415-2017 to help provide cost effective financing for energy efficient building improvements through the Columbus Region Energy Loan Fund. This ordinance authorizes the City of Columbus to provide \$100,000 in funding to the Finance Authority to help cover administrative costs. In addition to the Energy Loan Fund, the Finance Authority provides other types of long-term financing to businesses, non-profit organizations and local governments. To date, the Finance Authority has issued over \$1.3 billion in bond financing for projects that will invest more than \$1.5 billion in Central Ohio.

FIRE AND POLICE UNIFORM REPLACEMENT: Councilmember [Mitchell Brown](#), chair of the Public Safety Committee, is sponsoring ordinances 1442-2017 and 1201-2017 to purchase uniforms for the divisions



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of Fire and Police. The Division of Fire is replacing pants, shirts, jackets and boots. The Division of Police is acquiring uniforms, footwear, leather goods, uniform accessories and body armor for officers and civilian employees, including two recruit classes. The funding for new uniforms ensures Columbus firefighters and officers are provided the safest equipment available.

RESURFACING PROGRAM: Councilmember [Shannon Hardin](#), chair of the Public Service and Transportation Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 1453-2017 to enter into contract for the City's Resurfacing Program. Services include resurfacing 108 streets and constructing 354 associated ADA curb ramp improvements. The work consists of milling the existing pavement, overlaying with new asphalt concrete, minor curb replacement and installing ADA wheelchair ramps.

GRAPHICS CODE UPDATE: Councilmember [Jaiza Page](#) is sponsoring ordinance 1200-2017 to amend various sections in the Columbus Zoning Code. This ordinance modifies the Columbus Graphics Code portion to remove content-based sign regulations. The proposed changes consolidate the multiple types of temporary signs in two classes. It also assigns regulation based on construction type and material as opposed to content and perceived purpose. Both the Columbus Graphics Commission and Columbus Development Commission voted to support this code change at their monthly public hearings last November.

WATER QUALITY TESTING: Councilmember [Michael Stinziano](#), chair of the Technology Committee, is sponsoring an ordinance for maintenance and support of the Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS). This system enables the Division of Sewer and Drainage and the Division of Water to efficiently manage water quality sample information, incorporate input from plant operations data sources, track 79,000 tests on 16,000 different samples annually and transfer approved results to end users automatically.

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