

COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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FUNDING FOR NALOXONE: Council President [Zach Klein](#) and Councilmember [Mitchell Brown](#), chair of the Public Safety Committee, are supporting ordinance 1908-2017 to purchase pharmaceutical supplies for the Division of Police. Columbus, along with other major cities, has been plagued by an opiate epidemic crisis of unparalleled proportion, with devastating consequences. Naloxone reverses the effects of overdose for opioids such as heroin, fentanyl and carfentanil. In an effort to prevent additional deaths, the City began equipping uniformed personnel of the Division of Police with this life-saving drug in summer 2016.

BABY CHANGING STATION GRANT: President Pro Tem [Priscilla Tyson](#), chair of the Health and Human Services Committee, and Councilmember [Michael Stinziano](#) are sponsoring an ordinance to enter into a contract with Foundations World Wide, Inc. for baby changing stations. Stations will be distributed at no charge to eligible individuals and businesses in the City of Columbus. The funds help grant equal access to changing stations in public restrooms.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE PROGRAM: Councilmember [Elizabeth Brown](#), chair of the Education Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 1673-2017 to better prepare Columbus children to enter kindergarten ready to learn, setting them up for success academically and in life. The ordinance establishes a contract with Columbus State Community College to provide an accelerated Child Development Associate (CDA) program for up to 100 preschool teachers who are currently serving Columbus children. Children who participate in high-quality early education experiences significantly improve their early literacy, language and math skills.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS: Councilmember [Shannon Hardin](#), chair of the Public Service and Transportation Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 1758-2017 to enter into contract intersection



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improvements on Hamilton Road at Livingston Avenue. The work on this project consists of relocating four COTA bus stops, installing new signage, crosswalk modifications and installing a sidewalk on Hamilton Road and Livingston Avenue.

SUMMER YOUTH JAZZ PROGRAM: Councilmember [Jaiza Page](#), chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 1857-2017 to enter into a grant agreement with the Jazz Arts Group of Columbus to support the Summer Youth Jazz program. The Jazz Arts Group of Columbus is a not-for-profit arts organization dedicated to producing, performing and promoting jazz. The organization is partnering with the YMCA in the Linden and Hilltop neighborhoods to implement jazz outreach programs for Pre-K, elementary/middle schoolers and teens. These programs will be offered in the summer in conjunction with “Y without Walls” at the Linden Recreation Center and the Hilltop YMCA Summer Camp program.

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