COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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EVICTION REDUCTION PILOT PROGRAM: President Pro Tem Priscilla Tyson, chair of the Health and Human Services Committee, and Councilmember Jaiza Page are sponsoring ordinance 1869-2017 to support a Landlord/Property Manager Partnership Pilot Program. The Healthcare Collaborative of Greater Columbus works to prevent homelessness by stabilizing vulnerable children and their families through implementation of a plan that aligns resources to support self-sufficiency. A key intervention in the organization’s action plan is to reduce evictions by piloting a partnership model with landlords and their property managers.

HIGH STREET STRATEGIC PUBLIC ART PLAN: Councilmember Elizabeth Brown, chair of the Economic Development Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 1900-2017 to enter into contract for the completion of the High Street Strategic Public Art Plan. This plan creates a cohesive public art strategy for the Short North Arts District and the southern University District. When completed, the plan will evaluate and recommend ways to integrate art into streetscape amenities, enhance locations for performance art, identify locations for discrete art installations and recommend the process for specific artist calls. The project area is the High Street corridor from Poplar Ave. to Ninth Ave.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS: Councilmember Shannon Hardin, chair of the Public Service and Transportation Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 1853-2017 to enter into contract for the Resurfacing Program. The contract includes repairing and resurfacing 42 City streets as well as constructing 415 ADA curb ramps. The work consists of milling the existing pavement, overlaying with new asphalt concrete, minor curb replacement and replacing curb and sidewalk associated with installing ADA wheelchair ramps.
PASSPORT PROGRAM: Councilmember Jaiza Page, chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee, and Councilmember Michael Stinziano are sponsoring ordinance 1752-2017 to enter into various contracts for the provision of Pre-Admission Screening System Providing Options and Resources Today (PASSPORT) home care and assisted living services for older adults in Central Ohio. This program provides home care services as an alternative to nursing home admission for nearly 6,500 individuals. Services include case management, adult day care, meals, personal care, respite, transportation and emergency response.

STREET LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS: Councilmember Michael Stinziano, chair of the Public Utilities Committee, is sponsoring ordinances to enter into contracts for multiple street lighting projects. The projects upgrade existing overhead lighting systems by installing decorative post top street light poles and LED street lights with underground wiring. These infrastructure investments support stronger, safer more family friendly neighborhoods. Improvement areas include Livingston Avenue in Driving Park, East Fifth Avenue in Italian Village, Cleveland Avenue in South Linden and Southeast Lions Park on the South Side.

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