

COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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RAPID RESPONSE EMERGENCY ADDICTION AND CRISIS TEAM: Council President [Zach Klein](#) and [Mitchell Brown](#) are sponsoring ordinance 2125-2017 to accept a grant to support the Rapid Response Emergency Addiction and Crisis Team (RREACT) program. This pilot program addresses the opioid epidemic in Central Ohio by responding to cases where medics administer Narcan. In an effort to avoid repeat incidents, patients are offered a detoxification and treatment program, as well as other mental and health services. The Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health (ADAMH) Board of Franklin County is seeking to expand the program due to its success.

COMMUNITY CRIME PATROL FUNDING: Council President [Zach Klein](#) and Councilmembers [Elizabeth Brown](#) and [Mitchell Brown](#) are sponsoring ordinance 2047-2017 to enter into contract with Community Crime Patrol to provide community based law enforcement services. Citizen patrollers help deter crime by alerting police to criminal activity and empowering residents with prevention techniques. This ordinance provides additional funding to continue services in the Southern Gateway neighborhood. Community Crime Patrol is a non-profit organization whose mission is to support Columbus Division of Police enforcement activities.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN FUNDING: Council President Pro Tem [Priscilla Tyson](#) is supporting ordinance 2050-2017 to provide funding for Community Kitchen. This organization provides free nutritious meals are offered six days a week, referrals on available housing, utility assistance, alcohol and drug programs and emergency assistance. Additionally, free health check-ups are provided on site through the Ohio State University Nursing Program and Columbus Health Department.

COLUMBUS CITY CODE AMENDMENT: Councilmember [Elizabeth Brown](#) is sponsoring ordinance 1970-2017 to amend various sections of Chapter 329 of the Columbus City Codes. The new language adds the



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hiring of disadvantaged workers, such as restored citizens, to the factors considered during the prequalification process for companies who bid on city contracts. This change leverages Columbus' purchasing power to encourage companies to hire individuals in the community who otherwise struggle to find employment.

PATROL BIKES FOR COLUMBUS POLICE: Councilmember [Mitchell Brown](#), chair of the Public Safety Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 2124-2017 to purchase Patrol Mountain Bicycles, accessories and replacement parts for the Columbus Division of Police. Select patrol officers utilize these specialized bicycles to carry out vital patrolling duties.

MICROENTERPRISE TRAINING PROGRAM: Councilmember [Shannon Hardin](#), chair of the Small and Minority Business Development Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 2008-2017 to enter into a contract with the Increase Community Development Corporation (ICDC) to administer a microenterprise training program. This program for entrepreneurs includes training for writing business plans, understanding profit and loss statements, the financial implications of cash flow and breakeven analysis. There is also instruction to develop operating and marketing plans for success.

NATIONAL BLACK WOMEN'S EQUAL PAY DAY: Councilmember [Jaiza Page](#) is presenting resolution 0212X-2017 to recognize July 31, 2017 as National Black Women's Equal Pay Day. This day was created to draw attention to wage disparities for African American women. Women on average are paid 20% less than men in the U.S., black women 37% less and Hispanic women 46% less. Recently, median earnings for men in Ohio were \$50,051 compared to \$37,365 for women.

FIBER OPTIC INFRASTRUCTURE: Councilmember [Michael Stinziano](#), chair of the Technology Committee, is sponsoring an ordinance to enhance the City's fiber optic infrastructure. The City continues to implement new technology that increases efficiency for City services. Columbus now owns over 500 miles of fiber optic cabling, with a long term commitment to continue to develop IT infrastructure.

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