

## COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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**CELEBRATEONE FUNDING:** Council President Pro Tem [Priscilla Tyson](#), chair of the Health and Human Services Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 2264-2017 to accept a grant from Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services. The grant allows the CelebrateOne Initiative to implement a safe sleep campaign, utilize media services and provide safe sleep survival kits with cribs for a Westside Community Project. On average, one baby dies every other week in Franklin County due to unsafe sleep practices.

**JOB CREATION AGREEMENT EXPANSION:** Councilmember [Elizabeth Brown](#), chair of the Economic Development Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 2303-2017 to amend a Job Creation Tax Credit Agreement with Ascena Retail Group, Inc. Since the original agreement in 2013, Ascena has decided to move the headquarters of one of their brands, Catherines, to its Easton location. The move adds an additional 130 new full-time jobs with an annual payroll of approximately \$11.8 million.

**SEPTEMBER 11 REMEMBRANCE:** Councilmember [Mitchell Brown](#) is introducing resolution 0233X-2017 to honor the memory of those lost in the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. In recognition of these tragic events, Councilmembers hope for a future free of hate and violence. Council is grateful to first responders for their sacrifices and heroism in times of great peril.

**SIDEWALK ADDITIONS:** Councilmember [Shannon Hardin](#), chair of the Public Service and Transportation Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 2190-2017 to execute agreements with the Ohio Department of Transportation for the City Safe Routes to School Program grant. These funds allow for projects at Sullivant Elementary School and Trevitt/Beatty Park Elementary School. Work for the projects includes a two-way bike lane and additional sidewalks.



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**RECOGNIZING A COMMUNITY ADVOCATE:** Councilmember [Jaiza Page](#) is presenting resolution 0227X-2017 to commemorate Mary Warren, a trailblazer and strong community advocate. Warren has developed a strong reputation as a lead volunteer and resident at Elim Manor, a Homeport community built on the East side of Columbus. Warren is also responsible for implementing numerous services benefitting residents including a produce giveaway and partnership with the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department Summer Food Program. This program provides quality free meals for youth in the neighborhood. Communities like Elim Manor and their residents play a vital role in meeting affordable housing needs in Central Ohio and Columbus.

**EXPANDING SOFTWARE SUPPORT:** Councilmember [Michael Stinziano](#), chair of the Technology Committee, is sponsoring an ordinance to establish a contract for Bluebeam Revu eXtreme for software licenses, maintenance and support to streamline work between City departments. Additional support and licenses creates increased efficiency by providing all utility plans in a digital format while giving access to more City employees.

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