

## COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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**BODY WORN CAMERAS:** Council President [Zach Klein](#) and Councilmember [Mitchell Brown](#), chair of the Public Safety Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 2651-2017 to purchase body worn cameras, accessories and video management system for the Division of Police. These cameras are utilized by law enforcement to record interactions with the public and gather video evidence at crime scenes.

**C-BIZ INCUBATOR:** Council President [Zach Klein](#) and Councilmember [Shannon Hardin](#) are sponsoring ordinance 2571-2017 to enter into contract with The Ohio State University Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship to develop a strategic plan for the C-Biz Incubator. The Incubator is targeted to disadvantaged business enterprises and seeks growth within the Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization districts. The Center will deliver a strategic plan to guide the development of the C-Biz Incubator in 2018.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER FUNDING:** Council President Pro Tem [Priscilla Tyson](#), chair of the Health and Human Services Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 2285-2017 to provide funding for construction of a new shelter house for survivors of domestic violence. The shelter is replacing the existing facility which shows major signs of aging and is not large enough to meet community demands. Amenities for the project include housing capacity for 120 residents, bedrooms accommodated in a more intimate “neighborhood” design and a central dining room with full kitchen for meal preparation. Construction should be completed next year.

**COMBINED CHARITABLE CAMPAIGN:** Councilmember [Elizabeth Brown](#), chair of the Administration Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 2447-2017 to provide coordination services for the City of Columbus 2017 Combined Charitable Campaign. The campaign is a citywide collaborative effort that



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provides employees the opportunity to make donations to charitable organizations through payroll deduction or one time contributions. This year's campaign marks the 25th anniversary of City of Columbus employees' participation.

**RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT KARL BARTH:** Councilmember [Mitchell Brown](#) is presenting resolution 0251X-2017 to recognize Lieutenant Karl Barth for 56 years of distinguished service with the Columbus Division of Police. Lieutenant Barth is the longest tenured officer in the history of the division. During that time, he has served in 14 different positions including a motorcycle officer, instructor at the Columbus Police Academy and coordinator of public safety for special events. Lieutenant Barth has exemplified the core values of the Columbus Division of Police throughout his career. His dedication to the Columbus community and passion for public safety has truly been a blessing to this City and its residents.

**APPS JOB READINESS PROGRAM:** Councilmembers [Jaiza Page](#), [Shannon Hardin](#) and [Michael Stinziano](#) are sponsoring ordinance 2377-2017 to expand the APPS Job Readiness Program to teens and young adults who currently have open misdemeanor cases with the juvenile court system. The program includes training, mentoring and coaching. Participants have the opportunity to be placed in various divisions of the Department of Recreation and Parks including youth and family development, park maintenance, outdoor education, community recreation and aquatics. The goal of the program is to provide young adults with an enriching experience for future career paths and self-sufficiency.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT FUNDING:** Council President [Zach Klein](#) and Councilmembers [Elizabeth Brown](#), [Jaiza Page](#) and [Michael Stinziano](#) are sponsoring ordinance 2700-2017 to fund positions related to probation services in the Domestic Violence Unit. Additional staff is required to provide the most effective supervision and ability to engage in risk-reduction activities for those charged with domestic violence.

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