

COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT GRANT AWARD: Council President [Zach Klein](#) and Councilmember [Michael Stinziano](#) are sponsoring an ordinance to accept a supplemental award for the 2017 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Domestic Violence Prosecutors grant program. This grant helps cover the salary and training costs of a Stalking Advocate for the Domestic Violence and Stalking Unit of the City Attorney's Office. The advocate assists witnesses and victims of stalking through the legal process, provides counseling and connects them to agencies and community resources.

COMBATING CHILD ABUSE: President Pro Tem [Priscilla Tyson](#), chair of the Health and Human Services Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 3069-2017 to extend a contract for public health nursing services with Franklin County Children Services (FCCS) Intake and Investigation Department. The nurses perform health assessments of children, make home visits with staff, provide nursing consultation and training, interpret medical reports and help develop treatment plans for families referred to FCCS. The organization receives more than 30,000 reports of child abuse each year and serves more than 30,000 children and their families.

EDUCATION COACHING PROGRAM: Councilmember [Elizabeth Brown](#), chair of the Education Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 2811-2017 to provide an accelerated Child Development Associate (CDA) and CDA coaching programs for up to 65 preschool teachers already serving Columbus children. Children who participate in high-quality early childhood education experiences significantly improve their early literacy, language and math skills. Increasing the quality of preschool teachers will better prepare children for kindergarten and become more likely to succeed.

CORRIDOR ANALYSIS: Councilmember [Shannon Hardin](#), chair of the Public Service and Transportation Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 2991-2017 to enter into contract with the Mid-Ohio Regional



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Planning Commission (MORPC) for a regional corridor analysis. Central Ohio is expected to add up to 1 million additional residents by 2050. That level of growth requires advanced preparation for the impact on utilities, land use and transportation infrastructure. Local governments want to prepare and adapt their communities with more sustainable land use and transportation infrastructure to retain and attract talent, businesses and residents.

AGE-FRIENDLY COLUMBUS: Councilmembers [Jaiza Page](#) and [Michael Stinziano](#) are sponsoring ordinance 2926-2017 to provide social and nutrition services to older adults in Central Ohio in 2018. This legislation contributes to the ongoing work of Age-Friendly Columbus, a City-wide initiative to ensure that individuals of all ages and abilities can remain in their neighborhoods and live a high quality of life independently. The ordinance authorizes a community services agreement for the provision of meals, adult day care, homemaker, personal care, transportation, home repair and legal services.

CELEBRATING CHARITY NEWSIES: Councilmember [Jaiza Page](#) is presenting resolution 0318X-2017 to commemorate the Charity Newsies 110th “Annual Paper Sale” drive. For over a century, this organization has provided new clothing for children in need throughout Franklin County. Every year, Charity Newsies sell a special edition of the newspaper for any amount people are willing to give. In 2016, the organization raised \$1.1 million and helped clothe over 13,000 children.

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