

COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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REDUCING MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY: President Pro Tem [Priscilla Tyson](#), chair of the Health and Human Services Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 3193-2017 to accept supplemental grant funds for the FOCUS Hep C grant program. This program allows Columbus Public Health to work toward reducing morbidity and mortality rates associated with Hepatitis C. Through the program, people screening positive for the virus will be referred to a Linkage to Care Specialist.

VISIONARY AWARD RECIPIENT: Councilmember [Elizabeth Brown](#) is presenting resolution 0343X-2017 to recognize Columbus young professional Calvin Cooper as the recipient of the Create Columbus Commission's Visionary Award. The Commission has unanimously chosen to honor Cooper as an outstanding Columbus young professional for his work with minority entrepreneurs and advancement of the culture of Columbus. Cooper founded the Minority Business Enterprises Academy in partnership with the City of Columbus to train minority entrepreneurs and develop minority businesses in Central Ohio.

TRANSIT REGULATIONS: Councilmember [Mitchell J. Brown](#) is sponsoring ordinances 3156-2017 and 3245-2017 to enact new sections of the Columbus City Code which include provisions for the licensing of micro transit vehicles and commercial quadricycles in Columbus. These ordinances further the City's efforts in revising the vehicle-for-hire sections of the Code and work to ensure the health, safety and welfare of residents.

161 TASK FORCE: Councilmembers [Michael Stinziano](#), [Shannon Hardin](#) and [Mitchell J. Brown](#) are sponsoring ordinance 3290-2017 to enter into a grant agreement with the Northland Area Business Association to support the 161 Task Force. This group is requesting funds to organize the businesses and



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land owners along the East Dublin Grandville corridor from Huntley Road to Ponderosa Blvd to continue a more sustainable maintenance and beautification program of the 980,000 square feet of green space.

POINDEXTER VILLAGE FUNDING: Councilmembers [Jaiza Page](#) and [Michael Stinziano](#) are sponsoring ordinance 3216-2017 to enter into a grant agreement with the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) for the redevelopment of Poindexter Village. In June 2014, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development awarded CMHA a \$30 million Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant to begin the redevelopment of the Poindexter Village area. To support these efforts, the Department of Development anticipates a total \$6 million in Housing Preservation funding from the City to assist with developing mixed income rental housing.

GRANT FUNDING FOR THE COURTS: Councilmember [Michael Stinziano](#), chair of the Judiciary and Court Administration Committee, is sponsoring six ordinances to accept grants totaling more than \$1.5 million. The funds help support court programs that assist witnesses and victims of misdemeanor domestic violence, stalking and related crimes through the legal process. They also provide counseling, referrals and linkage with agencies and community resources.

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