COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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WATER DISTRIBUTION IMPROVEMENTS: President Pro Tem Michael Stinziano, chair of the Public Utilities Committee, is sponsoring an ordinance to improve the water distribution system in the Scottwood Road area. Construction on these lines will improve service, decrease maintenance needs and reduce water loss. This project is in the Eastmoor/Berwick planning area.

ASSISTING EXPECTANT MOTHERS: Councilmember Elizabeth Brown is bringing forward ordinance 0415-2018 to provide funding for the Moms2B program. This legislation, co-sponsored by all members of City Council including President Shannon Hardin, establishes and funds a partnership between the City of Columbus, Moms2B, and the Community Shelter Board. This partnership will collaborate to identify and provide assistance to pregnant women living in unstable housing situations that endanger them or the health of their baby. Assistance includes rent and utility assistance for up to 12 months, connections to fresh food, medical and mental health treatment, and job training and education opportunities. Councilmember Priscilla Tyson is the chair of the Health and Human Services Committee.

DRIVER TRAINING SIMULATOR: Councilmember Mitchell J. Brown, chair of the Public Safety Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 0182-2018 to purchase a mobile driver training simulator for the Division of Fire. The simulator will increase efficiency of the division by providing personnel with a safe, easy way to train and improve their driving abilities on all types of apparatuses.

RECOGNIZING AFRICAN AMERICAN SMALL BUSINESS LEADERSHIP: Councilmembers Jaiza Page is presenting resolution 0032X-2018 to recognize the Central Ohio African American Chamber of Commerce and commend the leadership of Executive Director J. Averi Frost. The Chamber officially launched January of this year. Its mission is to encourage and empower African American owned
businesses locally and abroad. It also serves as a centralized resource center for the African American business community.

**SUPPORTING COMMUNITY-BASED HEALTH:** Councilmember Priscilla Tyson, chair of the Health and Human Services Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 0124-2018 to provide primary health care and dental services at community-based health centers (CHC). Since 1974, Columbus Public Health has provided these services to those in need. Additionally, CHC’s are successful, low-cost options for primary care access.

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