

COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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RECOGNIZING CHARLES E. BOOTH: Council President [Shannon Hardin](#) is presenting resolution 0339X-2017 to honor the 40th Pastoral Anniversary of Reverend Charles E. Booth, PhD. Booth has contributed to many publications and authored books based on African-American preachers. Council commends Rev. Dr. Booth on 40 years of crucial community service and drive for improvement through his pastoral work.

FUNDING UTILITIES PROJECTS: President Pro Tem [Michael Stinziano](#), chair of the Public Utilities Committee, is sponsoring an ordinance to pay a portion of the 2016 Annual Lining Project loan. Additionally, the City qualified for below market-rate interest financing through an Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund which reduced total project costs to Columbus residents. This fund promotes water quality by financing cost-effective and environmentally friendly wastewater and drinking water infrastructure improvements across the State.

PROVIDING TOOLS TO QUIT: Councilmember [Elizabeth Brown](#), chair of the Administration Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 0012-2018 to provide all City of Columbus employees and eligible adult dependents tobacco cessation services. These services align with the Department of Human Resources Healthy Columbus Program, which promotes healthy lifestyle, disease prevention and disease management programming.

PURCHASING FIRE GEAR: Councilmember [Mitchell J. Brown](#), chair of the Public Safety Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 2870-2017 to purchase fire uniforms and turnout gear. These uniforms and turnout gear outfit fire recruits slated for the December class. Fire uniforms consist of such items as pants, shirts, jackets and boots. Firefighters use this gear as protective outerwear in firefighting situations.



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TRAIL EXPANSION: Councilmember [Jaiza Page](#), chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 3318-2017 for additional design and engineering services needed for the Alum Creek Trail-Shepard Connector. The Shepard Connector is a 0.5 mile addition that provides local residents with two direct connections from Leonard Avenue to the Alum Creek trail and the expanding regional trail network. The project will be built along an abandoned rail corridor owned by Recreation and Parks between Leonard Avenue and the Alum Creek Trail at Hayden Park.

PUBLIC HEALTH GRANTS: Councilmember [Priscilla Tyson](#), chair of the Health and Human Services Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 3308-2017 for the continued operations of grant programs totaling more than \$3.8 million. These grants will help fund emergency preparedness, clinical health grants, alcohol and other drug recovery programs, maternal child health, dental coverage and healthy homes programs.

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