

COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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MY BROTHER’S KEEPER: Council President Pro Tem [Michael Stinziano](#), chair of the Neighborhoods Committee, and Council President [Shannon Hardin](#) are sponsoring an ordinance to support the My Brother’s Keeper (MBK) Grants Program. These grants are designed to empower groups working with boys and young men of color in underserved neighborhoods. In 2014, President Obama launched the MBK initiative, challenging cities, nonprofits and the private sector to close opportunity gaps between boys of color and the community-at-large.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION FUNDING: Council President Pro Tem [Michael Stinziano](#), chair of the Public Utilities Committee, is sponsoring an ordinance for the Combined Stormwater Education Programs. These programs provide education and opportunities for public participation in protecting the quality of water in our streams and rivers. Teachers in Columbus City Schools also use the programs’ curriculum to help students learn about protection of natural resources.

FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS: Councilmember [Elizabeth Brown](#), chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee, is sponsoring ordinances 0453-2018 and 0454-2018 to allocate funds for city park and recreation center improvements. This funding helps ensure park facilities and equipment are safe, accessible, updated and user friendly. Many improvements to the facilities have been driven by requests made by the community, either through 311 or direct contact with the department.

RECOGNIZING COMMUNITY SERVICE: Councilmember [Jaiza Page](#) is presenting resolution 0051X-2018 to declare March as Women’s History Month and commemorate the community service of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., Central Ohio Chapter. Founded in 1981, the organization’s mission is, “to advocate on behalf of black women and girls to promote leadership development and gender



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equity in the areas of health, education and economic empowerment.” The coalition has several committees that focus on health, education, public policy and economic development.

FUNDING MEAL ASSISTANCE: Councilmember [Priscilla Tyson](#), chair of the Health and Human Services Committee, and President Pro Tem [Michael Stinziano](#) are sponsoring ordinance 0505-2018 to support the Clintonville-Beechwold Community Resource Center’s (CRC) Family Services and Choice Food Pantry. Last year, this program provided a record of nearly a half million meals to neighborhood residents. In a household survey, 57% of CRC’s clients indicated their family did not have enough food to eat for at least one day out of each month.

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