

COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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REESE NEADER MEMORIAL AWARD: Council President [Shannon Hardin](#) is introducing resolution 0063X-2018 to present EmpowerBus with the Reese Neader Memorial Award for Entrepreneurship and Social Change. EmpowerBus paves the road to social mobility by providing dignified, reliable and on-time transportation for employment, education and healthcare opportunities.

POWER LINE MAINTENANCE: Council President Pro Tem [Michael Stinziano](#), chair of the Public Utilities Committee, is sponsoring an ordinance for the Power Line Clearance, Tree Trimming and Removal Services Project. The Department of Public Utilities maintains a comprehensive program to manage trees and brush growing around power lines and other department infrastructure. This program has been effective at improving the reliability of service it provides its customers.

LINDEN PARK AND COMMUNITY CENTER DEVELOPMENT: Councilmember [Elizabeth Brown](#), chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 0471-2018 for the design of the redevelopment of Linden Park and Community Center. Plans for the redevelopment include improved park space and additional capacity for programs offered to the community.

BODY WORN CAMERAS: Councilmember [Mitchell J. Brown](#), chair of the Public Safety Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 0541-2018 for the purchase of additional body worn cameras, accessories and video management systems for the Division of Police. These cameras are utilized by law enforcement to record interactions with the public and gather video evidence at crime scenes.

CHORES PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION: Councilmember [Jaiza Page](#), chair of the Housing Committee, and Council President Pro Tem [Michael Stinziano](#) are sponsoring ordinance 0444-2018 for the implementation of the Chores Program. The program provides minor home maintenance and repair



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services to low-income elderly and disabled homeowner-occupants in Columbus. Examples of maintenance include replacement or repair of leaking faucets, faulty light fixtures or missing porch sections. It also includes installation of smoke detectors or deadbolt locks. Eligible homeowners receive these services free of charge.

ASSESSMENT SPECIALIST SERVICES: Councilmember [Jaiza Page](#), chair of the Judiciary and Court Administration Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 0585-2018 to enter into contract with Alvis, Inc. for assessment specialist services. This project allows staff to efficiently and accurately place defendants who are eligible for the department's special programs. Contracting for assessment services also allows time for gathering data to better understand and prioritize staffing needs as the programs develop. Project staff is estimated to complete 120 assessments per month.

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