

COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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IMPROVING INFRASTRUCTURE: Council President Pro Tem <u>Michael Stinziano</u>, chair of the Public Utilities Committee, is sponsoring ordinances for infrastructure improvement projects in the Hilltop. Improvements include replacing water lines and installation of storm sewers. Replacement of the lines will improve service, increase efficiency and reduce water loss.

PROMOTING THE ARTS: Councilmember <u>Elizabeth Brown</u>, chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 0456-2018 to provide underserved adults and children throughout the City of Columbus with free and affordable theatre based performances, classes and camps through an ongoing partnership with the Contemporary American Theatre Company (CATCO). The ordinance allows CATCO to utilize space in the Columbus Performing Arts Center.

POLICE TRAINING FUNDS: Councilmember Mitchell J. Brown, chair of the Public Safety Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 0885-2018 to appropriate funds for law enforcement training. In 2000, the Division of Police established a special revenue fund to support additional training needs. The proceeds from this fund are used to invite speakers and trainers to conduct law enforcement training sessions and purchase the required materials and supplies.

SUPPORTING YOUTH PROGRAMS: Council President Pro Tem Michael Stinziano and Councilmember Jaiza Page are sponsoring an ordinance to support the Safe in My Brother's Arms and Safe in My Sister's Arms programs. The programs work to increase youth relationship and coping skills. Participants in the program engage in team building activities that encourage them to connect with their peers and adults to overcome obstacles and fears.





RECOGNIZING DONATE LIFE MONTH: Councilmember <u>Priscilla Tyson</u> is presenting resolution 0056X-2018 to declare April as Donate Life Month in Columbus. The goal of this month is to encourage residents to register as organ, eye and tissue donors and celebrate those that have saved lives through the gift of donation. Nearly 115,000 men, women and children are currently awaiting a life-saving organ transplant in the United States. A single donor can potentially save the lives of eight people.

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