

COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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URBAN DEVELOPMENT: Council President [Shannon Hardin](#) and Councilmembers [Mitchell J. Brown](#) and [Jaiza Page](#) are sponsoring ordinance 1108-2018 to enter into a contract with the Columbus Next Generation Corporation. The goal of this contract is to develop key urban properties in targeted areas of the Central City. This ordinance supports the organization's community engagement work and its effort to transform every neighborhood into vibrant, productive places.

IMPROVING WATER QUALITY: Council President Pro Tem [Michael Stinziano](#), chair of the Public Utilities Committee, is presenting an ordinance for the Dublin Road Water Plant UV Disinfection Facility Project. The project will improve water quality and increase public health protection by inactivating chlorine resistant microorganisms and other harmful pathogens.

RECOGNIZING POLICE AND FIRE DIVISIONS: Councilmember [Mitchell J. Brown](#) is presenting resolutions to recognize and support the Columbus divisions of Police and Fire.

- Resolution 0136X-2018 declares the week of May 9-16, 2018 as Light Central Ohio Blue Week. Over 1,900 officers of the Columbus Division of Police face the challenge of keeping neighborhoods safe with bravery and honor. This week is also an opportunity to honor officers who have given the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.
- Resolution 0137X-2018 declares the week of May 6-12, 2018 as Arson Prevention Week. This year, the week focuses on reducing arson at vacant and abandoned buildings. An estimated 23,800 vacant building fires were reported last year within the United States. In total, these fires caused an estimated 75 deaths, 200 injuries and \$785 million in property loss.

EXPEDITED RECORD SERVICE PROGRAM: Councilmember [Jaiza Page](#), chair of the Judiciary and Court Administration Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 1223-2018 to support the Expedited Record Service



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Program. This program assists indigent defendants who file applications for sealing or expungement of their records. Without access to this service, these defendants may be at risk for adverse information appearing on background checks and potentially denied employment opportunities.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH: Councilmember [Emmanuel V. Remy](#) is presenting resolution 0141X-2018 to recognize May 2018 as National Foster Care Month. Since first highlighting foster care in 1988, there has been increased emphasis on prevention and reunification services to reduce the number of children in the foster care system. The City appreciates the tireless work of all foster parents and encourages others to learn more about the foster care system.

HIV GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING: Councilmember [Priscilla Tyson](#), chair of the Health and Human Services Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 0794-2018 to accept over \$3 million in funding for the HIV Care Part A grant program. The purpose of the grant is to improve the quality of life for those living with HIV or AIDS in Central Ohio by increasing access to medical care. The program covers HIV related medical visits, mental health and substance abuse services.

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