COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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CITY SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE: Council President Pro Tem Michael Stinziano, chair of the Technology Committee, is sponsoring an ordinance to purchase Oracle software licensing, maintenance and support services. This software is a critical component of a number of Citywide business systems including 311, Columbus Utility Billing System (CUBS), Income Tax and Geographic Information System (GIS). This software also allows residents to easily access City services and resources.

ASSISTING FIRST TIME HOMEBUYERS: President Pro Tem Michael Stinziano and Councilmember Jaiza Page are sponsoring an ordinance to fund housing programs that assist first time homebuyers. It also provides organizations with grants and no or low interest loans for projects designed to increase and preserve the local supply of decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing for low and moderate income families.

MELVIN B. DODGE SUMMER ZOO DAYS: Councilmember Elizabeth Brown, chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 1212-2018 to provide transportation, shirts and novelties for children attending the Melvin B. Dodge Summer Zoo Days at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium. This summer program serves 30 City playground sites and transports nearly 2,400 participants to the zoo. Melvin B. Dodge served as director of the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department from 1967 to 1985 and worked to help make the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium a world-class facility.

SUMMER YOUTH WORKFORCE PROGRAMMING: Councilmember Elizabeth Brown, chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 1075-2018 to enter into contract with the Workforce Development Board of Central Ohio to provide summer youth workforce programming in Columbus. The program is targeted at youth aged 14-21 in the foster care system to help develop critical life-skills for jobs in the 21st century.
LEAD-US SUMMER YOUTH JOBS ENRICHMENT PROGRAM: Councilmember Jaiza Page, chair of the Economic Development and Small Business Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 1459-2018 to enter into contract with the Workforce Development Board in support of the LEAD-US program. The program will introduce students to career opportunities in city government. It also partners with local businesses and organizations, while putting an emphasis on diversity, community service and neighborhood involvement.

PARKING CODE CHANGES: Councilmember Emmanuel Remy is sponsoring ordinance 1189-2018 to amend various administrative and traffic sections of the Columbus City Code. The legislation clarifies parking and car-sharing rules and regulations. It also establishes the Division of Parking Services within the Department of Public Service and enables three new parking infractions.

CELEBRATING GREATER ACCESS TO HEALTH FOOD: Councilmember Priscilla Tyson is presenting resolution 0155X-2018 to celebrate the grand opening of the Jubilee Market and Café. The market is a non-profit grocery store and café that increases access to healthy, affordable foods for Franklinton residents. The opening of the market directly supports the Local Food Action Plan adopted by City Council and Franklin County in November 2016.

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