

## COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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**RECOGNIZING BLACK RESTAURANT WEEK:** Council President [Shannon Hardin](#) is presenting resolution 0192X-2018 to recognize the Columbus Urban League Young Professionals (CULYP) and its 2nd Annual Black Restaurant Week. The organization created the week-long celebration to give locally-owned, minority-run businesses a chance to present their food to a larger base. This annual event aligns with CULYP's goal to help restructure the business landscape and bring change to communities.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET UPDATES:** Council President Pro Tem [Michael Stinziano](#), chair of the Public Utilities Committee, is sponsoring an ordinance to amend the 2018 Capital Improvements Budget (CIB) to align with Department of Public Utilities projects moving forward this year. The CIB includes funding for physical improvements to the City and totaled over \$1 billion for 2018.

**CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE PROGRAM:** Councilmember [Elizabeth Brown](#), chair of the Education Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 1550-2018 to continue the contract with Columbus State Community College for the accelerated Child Development Associate (CDA) program. This program is designed for preschool teachers already serving Columbus children to better prepare students entering kindergarten. Children who participate in high-quality early education experiences significantly improve their early literacy, language and math skills.

**NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION:** Councilmember [Jaiza Page](#), chair of the Housing Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 1630-2018 to transfer four vacant Land Bank properties to Homes on The Hill which will redevelop the parcels as new single-family homes. The Columbus Land Bank Program was established to improve neighborhoods by revitalizing vacant and underutilized housing units. Councilmember Page is also announcing the return of the Learning Skills to Lift Neighborhoods Grant.



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The program is awarding a total of \$130,000 to not-for-profit organizations to transform vacant and blighted structures or lots into productive parcels.

**BABY SAFETY SURVIVAL KITS:** Councilmember [Priscilla Tyson](#), chair of the Health and Human Services Committee, and Council President Pro Tem [Michael Stinziano](#) are sponsoring ordinance 1473-2018 to purchase baby safety survival kits, which include portable cribettes and Safe Sleep materials. On average in Franklin County, a baby dies every other week due to unsafe sleep practices. This funding allows Columbus Public Health to purchase more than 200 kits to help ensure a safe sleep environment.

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