

## COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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**COST SAVING SEWER IMPROVEMENTS:** Council President Pro Tem [Michael Stinziano](#), chair of the Public Utilities Committee, is sponsoring an ordinance for the Blacklick Sanitary Intercept Sewer. This tunnel project will construct a new gravity sanitary sewer to provide service to rapidly expanding areas in and around Columbus. The ability to provide expanded services helps keep sewer rates low. Additionally, the tunnel will increase efficiency and lower operating costs by eliminating the need for redundant pump stations.

**GUNFIRE DETECTION PILOT PROGRAM:** Councilmember [Mitchell J. Brown](#), chair of the Public Safety Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 2151-2018 to establish a gunfire detection, alert, and analysis pilot program. The detection service notifies law enforcement agencies of gunfire incidents and directs them to the precise location of gunfire. The alerts are intended to improve police response to incidents of gunfire, enhance officer safety, speed aid to victims and assist in investigations, the collection of evidence and the apprehension of dangerous offenders. The pilot phase will include the Hilltop, Linden and South Side neighborhoods.

**NEW FIRE AND POLICE STATIONS:** Councilmembers [Elizabeth Brown](#) and [Mitchell J. Brown](#) are sponsoring ordinances 1993-2018 and 1994-2108 for the construction of Police Substation 1 and Fire Station No. 35.

- The new Police Substation, located at 8118 Sancus Boulevard, is a LEED-certified 12,200 square foot building and includes a small community gathering room. The Substation will allow the Division of Police to better serve the growing Far North Columbus community. It is expected to open fall of 2020.
- Fire Station No. 35, located at 711 North Waggoner Road, is a LEED-certified 26,750 square foot building. The building will allow the Division of Fire to better serve the Far East Columbus



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community and includes additional health safety measures for first responders. It is expected to open fall of 2020.

The construction of these new stations is made possible by voted bond funds supported by voters. They represent a substantial investment in the health and safety of Columbus residents.

**JOB RETENTION AND GROWTH IN COLUMBUS:** Councilmember [Jaiza Page](#), chair of the Economic Development and Small Business Committee, is sponsoring ordinances 1948-2018 and 1949-2018 to enter into an Enterprise Zone Agreement and a dual-rate Jobs Growth Incentive with CoverMyMeds LLC. The new campus headquarters is expected to support the retention and relocation of nearly 600 existing full-time permanent employment positions with an annual payroll of more than \$43 million. Additionally, the company expects to create more than 1,000 new, full-time permanent positions with an annual payroll of approximately \$75 million at the project site within the next five years. The new campus will be located along McKinley Avenue west of North Hartford Avenue.

**NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION:** Councilmember [Jaiza Page](#), chair of the Economic Development and Small Business Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 1978-2018 to complete demolition work on the Huntington Empowerment Center site located at 778-780 Mt. Vernon Avenue. When completed, the center will include My Brother's Closet, a collection of professional clothing provided to low-income men, as well as flexible spaces for youth programs, social programs and business incubator space.

**STREET REPAIR AND RESURFACING:** Councilmember [Emmanuel V. Remy](#), chair of the Public Service and Transportation Committee, is sponsoring ordinances 1655-2018 and 1913-2018 to repair and resurface nearly 150 City streets and construct more than 850 ADA curb ramps. The work consists of milling the existing pavement, overlaying with new asphalt concrete, minor curb replacement and replacing curb and sidewalk associated with installing ADA wheelchair ramps.

**MINORITY HEALTH GRANT FUNDING:** Councilmember [Priscilla Tyson](#), chair of the Health and Human Services Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 2044-2018 for the Minority Health grant program. This program allows Columbus Public Health (CPH) to address racial and ethnic health disparity and specific health needs of racial and ethnic minority groups. As a result of the grant funding in 2017, CPH served more than 650 organizations and provided services to 23,000 residents.

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