COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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Council will hold its next regular meeting on Monday, September 17, 2018

POLICE AND FIRE RECRUITMENT EXPANSION: Council President Shannon Hardin and Councilmembers Jaiza Page and Mitchell J. Brown are sponsoring ordinance 2242-2018 to enter into a grant agreement with the Driven Foundation for the Career Exposure Program. The foundation is partnering with the Office of Diversity and Inclusion to offer a recruitment video to residents that highlights career opportunities within the City's divisions of Police and Fire.

FIBER OPTIC INFRASTRUCTURE: Council President Pro Tem Michael Stinziano, chair of the Technology Committee, is sponsoring an ordinance for fiber optic cable maintenance services. The City owns approximately 600 miles of cable infrastructure which connects neighborhoods and businesses throughout Columbus.

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENTS: Councilmember Mitchell J. Brown is presenting resolution 0233X-2018 to celebrate EJ's Warrior Karate Academy, which represented Columbus in the USA Karate National Championship and US Team Trials. With the assistance of the Local 67 Firefighters Union, the Warriors were able to compete in the tournament and brought home seven medals. Additionally, four competitors reached the classification of ELITE competitor in the USA team trials and one competitor qualified for US National Team.

YOUTH SOCCER PROGRAM: Councilmembers Elizabeth Brown, chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee, Mitchell J. Brown, Jaiza Page and Emmanuel V. Remy are sponsoring ordinance 2243-2018 to enter into a grant agreement with MY Project USA to support a Wedgewood youth soccer program.

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The program provides a structured and safe environment to engage with youth in ways that empower them to make their community safer. The Wedgewood Village Apartment community is home to approximately 2,000 children who can benefit from these opportunities. Offering a program that involves this community's favorite sport is expected to engage hundreds of children on a weekly basis.

SUPPORTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Councilmember Jaiza Page, chair of the Housing Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 2014-2018 for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program. The nearly $4 million in funding will assist first time homebuyers, for-profit and non-profit organizations. The grants and no or low interest loans support projects designed to increase and preserve the local supply of decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing for low and moderate income families.

EMERGENCY HOME REPAIR FUNDING: Councilmember Jaiza Page and President Pro Tem Michael Stinziano are sponsoring ordinance 1954-2018 to provide emergency home repair services needed to protect the health and safety of residents in Columbus. These services include heating, plumbing and electrical repairs that correct substandard and deteriorating conditions of low and moderate- income households.

MobilePD APP: Councilmembers Emmanuel V. Remy, Elizabeth Brown and Mitchell J. Brown are sponsoring ordinance 2241-2018 for a MobilePD smartphone application. This app will serve as a central location where members of the Columbus community can engage with the Columbus Police Department (CPD). It will allow end users to submit anonymous crime stopper tips, receive public safety alerts, view public safety maps and have access to centralized CPD information and resources. It also allows live, two-way chatting with police personnel, social media connectivity, push notifications and ability to upload photos and videos. Additionally, it will serve as a recruiting tool for CPD and allow potential candidates to receive immediate notification and respond directly to police personnel.

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