

## COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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**HEALTH DEPARTMENT GRANTS FUND:** President Pro Tem [Priscilla Tyson](#), chair of the Health and Human Services Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 3336-2016 to authorize the appropriation of \$3,404,755 to the Health Department Grants Fund. The annual appropriation for Columbus Public Health allows for the continued operations of the various grant programs the department provided in 2016. This ordinance also authorizes the Board of Health to accept five continuation grants for 2017 that include Tuberculosis Prevention/Control/Elimination, HIV Prevention, STD Control, Minority Health Month and Dental Sealant grants.

**BLUEPRINT COLUMBUS EXPANSION:** Chair of the Public Utilities Committee, [Michael Stinziano](#) is sponsoring ordinances 3010-2016, 3035-2016 and 3036-2016 to authorize the expansion of the Blueprint Columbus program for the Linden area. The project is using cost saving green infrastructure technologies to alleviate designed sewer relief activations, water-in-basement occurrences and street/yard flooding.

**INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS:** Councilmember [Shannon Hardin](#), chair of the Public Service and Transportation Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 3216-2016 to authorize the director of Public Service to modify a Cooperative Agreement with Westerville for intersection improvements on Cleveland Avenue at Schrock Road. The scope of the joint project includes improvements to Cleveland Avenue, Schrock Road and I-270 ramps. Work includes asphalt pavement widening and resurfacing, sidewalks, storm sewer, street lighting, traffic control and traffic signal replacement.

**TRAIL EXPANSION:** Councilmember [Jaiza Page](#), chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 2869-2016 to enter into contract for design and engineering services for the Shepard Connector to the Alum Creek Trail. The Shepard Connector is a 0.5 mile direct path to the



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regional trail from Leonard Avenue. This project provides local residents with two direct connections to the 22-mile Alum Creek Trail. Construction of the project is partially funded by Clean Ohio Trails Fund.

**RECOGNIZING OFFICER RUFUS GOODWIN:** Councilmember [Mitchell Brown](#) is sponsoring resolution 0001X-2017 to recognize Officer Rufus Goodwin for his heroic actions while on duty with the Columbus Division of Police. On Thursday, December 22, 2016, Officer Rufus Goodwin and his partner were called to home engulfed in smoke and flames. Officer Goodwin entered the home and made his way to a mother who could not escape. Grabbing her hand, Officer Goodwin pulled her through the smoke to safety. Because of his efforts, this family was able to spend the holidays together.

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