

COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET: Councilmember [Elizabeth Brown](#), chair of the Finance Committee, along with her council colleagues is supporting ordinance 1010-2018 to adopt a Capital Improvements Budget. The total 2018 budget is \$1.013 billion, with \$720 million in new funding and \$294 million in carry over dollars. It also includes a record \$39 million in street repaving. Councilmember budget priorities include:

- Council President Shannon Hardin secured \$500,000 for the installation of arches at each end of a historic stretch of Main Street on the near east side;
- Council President Pro Tem Michael Stinziano led the effort for \$350,000 to expand access to the Olentangy Bike Path and \$40,000 to fund a Parsons Avenue beautification initiative;
- Councilmember Mitchell J. Brown advocated for \$1 million for the creation of a real-time crime center for the Division of Police. He also championed \$6 million to rebuild Fire Station 16 in the Linden area;
- Councilmembers Jaiza Page and Priscilla Tyson worked to assure \$5 million for the Affordable Housing Alliance, \$2 million for housing preservation and \$350,000 for emergency shelter repair. This is the City's largest-ever investment in affordable housing; and
- Council President Hardin and Councilmembers Elizabeth Brown and Emmanuel V. Remy coordinated with representatives from the Department of Public Service and Columbus City Schools for \$2.5 million to construct sidewalks around City schools.

CELEBRATING THE ASIAN FESTIVAL: Council President [Shannon Hardin](#) is introducing resolution 0119X-2018 to celebrate the 24th annual Asian Festival. The festival represents and celebrates over 15 Asian ethnic groups within Central Ohio. It includes a career fair, a picnic celebrating families with adopted Asian children and signature Dragon Boat Races. This event showcases some of the best, most authentic,



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cultural traditions from many of Ohio's Asian communities.

CAP CITY HALF MARATHON: Council President Pro Tem [Michael Stinziano](#) is presenting a resolution to recognize the 15th annual OhioHealth Capital City Half Marathon on Saturday, April 28, 2018. The event is planning to attract nearly 45,000 people to downtown Columbus and its surrounding neighborhoods. It is estimated to generate more than \$6.5 million in visitor spending towards restaurants, retail, transportation, recreation and lodging.

RECOGNIZING CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH: Councilmember [Emmanuel V. Remy](#) is presenting resolution 0126X-2018 to recognize April 2018 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. The City is committed to giving every child a chance to succeed and a safe, stable and nurturing environment free from abuse and neglect. This resolution asks citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders and businesses to increase their support of families in Columbus.

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