RECREATION CENTER IMPROVEMENTS: The City of Columbus is investing millions of dollars in Recreation Centers, buildings where residents of all ages remain active and safe, all year around. Councilmember Zach M. Klein, chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee, is sponsoring a series of three ordinances, 1279-2012, 1309-2012, and 1342-2012, that will combined authorize the expenditure of more than $9.4-million dollars for various center upgrades including increased lighting, security, improved fire alarm and HVAC systems.

PROTECTING FAMILIES: The Child and Family Health Services Program is designed as an organized community effort to eliminate health disparities, improve birth outcomes and improve the health status of women, infants and children in Ohio. Ordinance 1352-2011, sponsored by Health and Human Services Committee chair Priscilla R. Tyson, authorizes the Board of Health to accept a grant and anticipated fee revenues totaling $1,028,141.00 from the Ohio Department of Health to fund the proactive health program on the local level.

MAINTAINING SAFE AND SECURE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES: The Columbus Department of Technology is required to comply with numerous state and federal guidelines when it comes to the safe and secure handling of City and employee information. These requirements include IRS tax information security guidelines, federal information processing standards, payment card industry data security standards, and the Health Information Portability and Accountability Act. Complying with these regulations requires advanced expertise and tools not available with current staff and systems. Ordinance 1220-2012, sponsored by Technology Committee chair Councilmember A. Troy Miller, allows for the renewal of a $82,039.56 contract with SecureWorks, Inc., for managed technology security services.

IMPROVING THE MUNICIPAL COURT SYSTEM: Since becoming the Franklin County Municipal Clerk of Court in 2005, Lori Tyack has worked tirelessly with judges and court personnel to upgrade critical court services software to increase the efficiency and cost effectiveness of the court system. Ordinance 0422-2012, sponsored by Safety and Judiciary Committee Chair Councilmember Michelle M. Mills, will allow Clerk Tyack to enter into a license agreement with CourtView Justice Solutions, Inc. for the purchase of maintenance, support, professional and optional services, additional licenses and software for the Franklin County Municipal Court case management system.

ALLEY REHABILITATION IN COLUMBUS: There are a number of capital projects supported by Columbus City Council that help build strong, safe neighborhoods. Within the Division of Planning and Operations is the Alley Rehabilitation project. Ordinance 1195-2012, sponsored
by Public Service and Transportation Committee Chair Eileen Y. Paley, will authorize the expenditure of $946,761.07 to help repair and rebuild alleys all around Columbus.

HABITAT FOR HEROES: Councilmember Hearcel F. Craig, chair of the City Council’s Veterans Committee and a Vietnam era veteran of the United State Army, will take part in the Habitat for Heroes program sponsored by Habitat for Humanity Greater Columbus. The program is building a home for a veteran of the U.S. Armed Services. The home is being constructed at 323 South Eureka in the Hilltop. For more information on how you or your organization can volunteer to help, contact Habitat for Humanity Greater Columbus at 484-1610.

ANOTHER AREA COMMISSION REPORT: City Council President Andrew J. Ginther continues to invite leaders of various area commissions to City Council so the entire community can have a better understanding of the issues and opportunities that impact Columbus neighborhoods. Tonight, Brian Scarpino of the Livingston Avenue Area Commission will be at City Council to update Councilmembers and staff on activities in his neighborhood.

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