



## COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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**COUNCIL TO VOTE ON 2012 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET:** Councilmember [Priscilla R. Tyson](#), chair of the Finance Committee will introduce the 2012 Capital Improvements Budget (CIB) and Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for Council's consideration this evening. The adoption of the proposal, as submitted in *ordinance 0368-2012*, will provide \$402 million investments to enhance area neighborhoods, improve citizen safety and stimulate economic development and job creation.

**CONTINUING TO PROVIDE RESIDENTS ACCESS TO CITY SERVICES THROUGH MYCOLUMBUS:**

Residents will continue to have city services at their fingertips through the city's MyColumbus Mobile App. Technology Committee Chair [A. Troy Miller](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 0018-2012* to authorize the expenditure of \$146,505.00 from the Department of Technology Information Services Fund for the modification and extension of a contract with eProximiti LLC for mobile applications professional services. The MyColumbus mobile application enables residents and visitors, who access information using mobile devices to get enhanced information on important Columbus locations, tips for getting active and being Green, and allows residents to submit service requests and address city issues. The free App was released to the public last year and is available for the iPhone, iPad and Droid.

**PROVIDING NUTRITIOUS MEALS FOR COLUMBUS CHILDREN:** Each year, the Recreation and Parks Department sponsors the summer food program to ensure that Columbus children receive nutritionally balanced meals throughout the summer. Councilmember [Zach M. Klein](#), chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee, is sponsoring *ordinance 0696-2012* to authorize the acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$1,953,308.00 for the 2012 Summer Food Service Program. The program is administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture through the Department of Education and implemented by Columbus City Schools. The program provides nutritionally-balanced breakfasts, lunches, and snacks to children ages 1-18 years at over 160 sites throughout the Columbus area. Last summer over 400,000 children were served.

**NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH:** Child abuse is a national tragedy and affects more than three million children each year. Each day, three children die as a result of child abuse. Public Safety and Judiciary Committee Chair, [Michelle M. Mills](#) is sponsoring *resolution 0074X-2012* to recognize the month of April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month in Columbus. Child abuse and neglect often occur when people find themselves in stressful situations and without community resources. National Child Abuse Prevention Month was created to help raise awareness of this devastating problem, break the cycle of violence and strengthen support for those who have been abused. The month encourages everyone to learn more about the behavioral and physical signs of possible abuse to help ensure that every child grow ups in a nurturing environment that is free of harm and fear.

**PROTECTING HOMEOWNERS FROM FLOODING:** The city of Columbus continues to improve neighborhoods and protect area residents from flooding. Councilmember [Eileen Y. Paley](#), chair of the Public Utilities Committee, is sponsoring *ordinance 0581-2012* to authorize the expenditure of \$2.6 million from the Sanitary Sewer Revenue Bond Fund for a contract modification with DLZ Ohio, Inc. in connection with the Olentangy Scioto Interceptor Sewer (OSIS) Augmentation & Relief Sewer (OARS) Project from the Henry Street Regulator to the Jackson Pike Wastewater Treatment Plant Project. The project, known as OARS, is a sewer tunnel that will intercept wet weather overflows that currently empty into the Scioto River and carry the flows to the city's Jackson Pike and Southerly wastewater treatment plants. The contract modification will provide funds update for Phase 1 which began in in September 2010 and Phase 2 of the project which began in last July as well as the design improvements for Berliner Park. The total cost of the project is over \$200 million and is necessary to reduce the environmental impact of Combined Sewer Overflows.

**RECYCOLUMBUS PRESENTATION:** Council President [Andrew J. Ginther](#) has invited Columbus Environmental Steward Erin Miller to provide a special presentation on the start of RecyColumbus, the city's new citywide residential recycling program and the delivery of the 64 gallon blue recycling bins to area residents. Recycling will be collected on a bi-weekly schedule with yard waste to be collected on the alternate week. RecyColumbus will provide residential recycling to more than 227,000 households by the time the program is fully implemented in February 2013.