



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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STORM CLEANUP COSTS: City of Columbus crews worked around the clock in the days after a series of violent summer storms cut off power for tens of thousands of central Ohio residents in late June and early July of 2012. The storm also downed trees and power lines. *Ordinance 0043-2013*, sponsored by Finance Committee Chair [Priscilla R. Tyson](#), will allow the City of Columbus to accept a \$1,332,537 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to reimburse Columbus for debris removal costs and damages associated with cleanup following those storms. The grant will allow Columbus to recover 87.5% of eligible costs.

3rd AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS: The City of Columbus is working to increase economic development opportunities along 3rd Avenue west of S.R. 315. Infrastructure improvements will be key to leveraging growth in the area. *Ordinance 2747-2013*, sponsored by Public Service and Transportation Committee chair [Eileen Y. Paley](#), will resurface Third Avenue from Dover Avenue to Edgehill Road and construct a half mile of sidewalk, a shared use path and 36 ADA ramps. The \$4,238,515.67 effort is a joint project with the Department of Public Utilities, which will provide a portion of the funding for stormwater improvements in the area.

FRANKLIN PARK: Since 1852, Franklin Park, located at 1755 East Broad Street, has provided an urban oasis of green space for Columbus residents and visitors to enjoy. Recreation and Parks Committee Chair [Zach M. Klein](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 0467-2013* to allow the City of Columbus to enter into an agreement with the Franklin Park Conservatory Joint Recreation District for the City's share of the operation of the District and the surrounding department-owned land through January 31, 2014. This \$500,000 allocation will support the continued management, operation, development, marketing, security and volunteer

programming of the Conservatory and the maintenance of the entire Franklin Park site, including the portion owned by the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department.

OVI ENFORCEMENT: The Indigent Drivers Alcohol Treatment Fund provides money for treatment services for those convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated. The fund also can be used for law enforcement to improve the detection and investigation of suspected drunk driving incidents. *Ordinance 0324-2013*, sponsored by Public Safety and Judiciary Committee chair [Michelle M. Mills](#), will appropriate \$155,000 from the fund to pay for accident investigation training courses and the DWI Enforcement Conference for officers at the Traffic Bureau. This advanced training will produce officers who are better equipped for their work with fatal, near-fatal and hit-skip accidents where drivers are under the influence of alcohol when the accidents occur. Funds are also needed to purchase sodium fluoride collection kits and to purchase supplies for OVI Checkpoints.

Job Boot Camp: Councilmember [A. Troy Miller](#), chair of the Small & Minority Business Development Committee, will participate in the ABC-6 “On Your Side” Job Boot Camp Wednesday, February 27, from 11am-4pm at the Aladdin Shrine Center. The event is free and open to the public. The City of Columbus, through the leadership of Councilmember Miller and a General Fund budget amendment, helps to provide job seekers on-site computers to complete job applications.