



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESS INCUBATORS: Councilmember [A. Troy Miller](#), a small business owner and chair of the Small & Minority Business Development Committee, is sponsoring *ordinance 1081-2013*, to authorize a \$100,000 expenditure from the Jobs Growth Fund to support the Columbus College of Art & Design (CCAD) MindMarket Incubator. The mission of the incubator is to support the creation of new businesses in art & design industries, as well as to deliver entrepreneurship education to current students, alumni, and the Columbus creative community. The CCAD MindMarket Incubator will assist emerging companies and entrepreneurs in gaining access to capital. In the 2013 General Fund Budget, Councilmember Miller invested \$550,000 in five different small business incubators all around Columbus.

EMERGENCY HUMAN SERVICES FUNDING: For 30 years, Stonewall Columbus has been meeting the needs of the LGBT community through education and advocacy programs. *Ordinance 1102-2013*, sponsored by Health and Human Services Committee chair [Priscilla R. Tyson](#), will provide \$50,000 in Emergency Human Services funding to help Stonewall make needed repairs to their 1160 North High Street facility. Repairs include, but are not limited to, restroom upgrades, electric and lighting, emergency exits, gutters and downspouts.

SUPPORTING POLICE SERVICES: Councilmember [Michelle M. Mills](#), chair of the Public Safety and Judiciary Committee, is sponsoring *ordinance 1011-2013* to allow the Columbus Division of Police to spend \$991,353.09 from the Federal, State, and Mandatory Law Enforcement Contraband/Seizure Funds for the Division of Police. Funds were received from seized and forfeited property and will be used to buy various software, supplies, and equipment.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS: Two areas of Columbus will be receiving new sidewalks to help promote a more walkable, healthy community. *Ordinance 1086-2013*, sponsored by Public Service & Transportation Committee chair [Eileen Y. Paley](#), authorizes the Director of Public Service to enter into contract with ADR & Associates, Ltd, in the amount of up to \$200,000.00 for the Pedestrian Safety Improvements - Sidewalk Design III contract. This project includes preliminary and final engineering for improvements to install sidewalk and curb ramps at two locations in the City of Columbus: McCutcheon Road from Sunbury Road to Oak Spring Street and Reed Road from Henderson Road to Bethel Road. The project will include right-of-way acquisition and improvements necessary to accommodate drainage, if needed.

CELEBRATING THE RACE FOR THE CURE: Thousands of people will take to Columbus streets to battle breast cancer at the 2013 Komen Columbus Race for the Cure on Saturday, May 18th. Council President [Andrew J. Ginther](#) is sponsoring *resolution 0094X-2013* to honor the volunteers and participants of all ages who will be giving their time and money to find a cure. From humble beginnings 21 years ago, the event now features more than 50,000 runners and walkers. Breast cancer is the leading cause of death for women ages 40-59.