



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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COLUMBUS GOES HOLLYWOOD: The Greater Columbus Arts Council (GCAC) is hoping to turn Columbus into a movie-making destination. *Ordinance 1387-2013*, sponsored by Finance Committee chair [Priscilla R. Tyson](#), will allow GCAC to enter into a \$100,000 contract with the Greater Columbus Film Commission to encourage major and independent film companies, as well as media production teams, to undertake on-location projects in the Greater Columbus area.

MOBILE FOOD VENDING PILOT PROGRAM: Mobile food vending is a vibrant and growing industry in Columbus. Public Safety and Judiciary chair [Michelle M. Mills](#) is sponsoring ordinance 1331-2013, to allow for the implementation of a Mobile Food Vending Pilot Program. City code currently prohibits individuals from engaging in commercial sales for more than fifteen minutes in the street, and this ordinance will allow licensed mobile food vendors to legally sell from designated oversized metered parking spots that will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. For the pilot program, oversized spots have been identified in the Arena District, Short North, and downtown.

ZOO DAYS AT CITY COUNCIL: Leaders from the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium will be bringing some furry friends to Council Chambers to help promote the 2013 *Melvin B. Dodge Summer Zoo Days*. The program between the City and the Zoo is named in honor of the former director of the Recreation and Parks Department. *Ordinance 1146-2013*, sponsored by Recreation and Parks Committee chair [Zachary M. Klein](#), will help approximately 2,000 area children involved in programs at Columbus recreation centers enjoy Zoo Days this summer. The Columbus Zoological Park Association will provide in-kind services in the amount

of \$18,500 to be used toward transportation, admission, and novelties for children in 2013.

CONNECTING COLUMBUS: Broadband access and fiber connectivity allow various City of Columbus departments to function in the most efficient manner possible. Technology Committee chair [A. Troy Miller](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 1082-2013* to authorize the Director of the Department of Technology to renew a contract worth \$20,400 for fiber network and broadband access and related services with OARnet/OSU, a local non-profit educational institute. OARnet/OSU provides Internet bandwidth for the City of Columbus and we purchase VMware virtualization software from them at a highly discounted rate.

CREATING A GREENER COLUMBUS: The City of Columbus is looking to continue a program that will use waste produced at treatment facilities to grow trees. *Ordinance 1162-2013*, sponsored by Public Utilities Committee chair [Eileen Y. Paley](#), authorizes the Director of Public Utilities to enter into a planned modification with Ohio Mulch for services in connection with the Deep Row Hybrid Poplar program for the Division of Sewerage and Drainage; and to authorize the expenditure of \$1,050,000.00 from the Sewerage System Operating Fund. This contract will help the City reduce landfill costs by diverting the biosolids created at Columbus wastewater treatment facilities. The biosolids collected, up to 30,000 tons annually, will be used as a nitrogen source to grow hybrid poplar trees which will later be harvested for mulch.