



## COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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**VOTED BOND PACKAGE:** A little more than a week after announcing the 2013 voted bond package that voters will be asked to approve in the fall, City Councilmembers must take the formal step of placing the issues on the November ballot. Finance Committee chair [Priscilla R. Tyson](#) is sponsoring *resolutions 0135x, 0136x, 1037x, and 0138x-2013*, all of which will help City Council and Mayor Coleman continue to invest in strong and safe neighborhoods. The four issues that will appear on the ballot are:

- Safety and Health (\$53 million) for police and fire facilities, vehicles and equipment;
- Recreation and Parks (\$124 million) for rec centers, bike paths, pools, parks, playgrounds and equipment;
- Public Service (\$220 million) for resurfacing, sidewalks, roadways, bikeways, refuse vehicles and containers, street equipment and other neighborhood improvements;
- Public Utilities (\$445 million) for water system improvements, stormwater improvements and street lighting.

**BOND PACKAGE AT WORK:** Recreation and Parks Committee chair [Zach M. Klein](#) is sponsoring ten ordinances to make various capital improvements at recreation centers and parks all around the city of Columbus. The millions of dollars for the projects come directly from past bond issues supported by Columbus voters. [Click here](#) for a complete list of projects and sites

**GREEN COLUMBUS:** Councilmember [Eileen Y. Paley](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 1334-2013*, for the Recycling on High pilot program. This bar and restaurant

recycling program will be piloted in up to forty establishments along High Street, from downtown to the campus area. The city will provide recycling containers, collection services, employee training, and materials to help communicate the restaurants' efforts to patrons. The pilot program is made possible by a grant from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. The Recycling on High pilot will be evaluated to determine whether there is sufficient participation in this type of recyclable collection service to continue or expand the program.

**PROTECTING THE PUBLIC:** Columbus City Councilmembers will consider [an ordinance](#) to create a provision in the city code to regulate pedicabs in Columbus. This growing industry provides residents and visitors a travel option in the downtown area and at major entertainment events around the community. Public Safety and Judiciary Committee chair [Michelle M. Mills](#) worked with pedicab owners to come up with safety standards that bring the industry in line with many of the Vehicle for Hire provisions of the city code. In a separate piece on the agenda, Council will consider a comprehensive update to the overall [Vehicle for Hire](#) code.