



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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BRIDGE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM: The City of Columbus is responsible for maintaining more than 220 bridges and performs routine maintenance on nearly 120 other bridges owned by the State of Ohio. *Ordinance 2359-2013*, sponsored by Public Service and Transportation Committee chair Eileen Y. Paley, allows the Director of Public Service to enter into a \$1,750,000 contract with Complete General Construction Company for the 2013 Citywide Bridge Rehabilitation project. This proactive project ensures that bridges in Columbus are safe for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians. Over the next 12 months, this contract will result in the completion of routine maintenance on 50 bridges in Columbus.

AIDS/HIV CARE: In February, the Columbus City Council voted to accept a \$3,500,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to fund the HIV Care Program Part A initiative to improve access to medical care for persons living with HIV or AIDS. *Ordinance 1700-2013*, sponsored by Health and Human Services Committee chair Priscilla R. Tyson, allows the City to accept an additional \$510,911 in grant money to support this program. The goal is that each client will achieve viral suppression, which improves their quality of life and reduces the risk of spreading the infection. The funds will pay for HIV-related doctor's visits, mental health services, substance abuse services, and some oral health care.

IMPROVING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: *Ordinance 1951-2013*, sponsored by Technology Committee chair A. Troy Miller, will allow the Department of Technology to enter into a contract for \$66,268 with Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) for professional services to assist the City with upgrading its geographic information system (GIS) to version 10.2. The City's GIS system supports several business applications, such as web-based applications utilized by city residents and city employees, crime mapping, My Neighborhoods, the Capital Improvement Projects Map, the Zoning Map applications, citywide desktop software used for data maintenance and analysis, and other GIS data products.

S.E.L.F. PROGRAM: The Columbus Recreation and Parks Department offers a wide variety of programming to ensure that children have a happy and healthy childhood. Part of the department's mission is to provide children with nutritious meals. Building on the success of a summer feeding program partnership with the Children's Hunger Alliance, City Councilmembers

are being asked to consider *Ordinance 2426-2013*, sponsored by Recreation and Parks Committee chair Zach M. Klein, to allow the City to enter into a \$30,000 contract with Dispatch Media Group to promote the Students Eating, Learning, and having Fun (SELF) program. SELF is an afterschool feeding program for children 5-18 years of age that also provides organized, safe and structured programs at select recreation centers.

DNA TESTING: The Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program is a federally supported program from the National Institute of Justice. Councilmember Michelle M. Mills, chair of the Public Safety and Judiciary Committee, is sponsoring *ordinance 2314-2013* to accept a \$291,603 grant to purchase equipment, DNA analysis supplies, and training for analysts. These grant funds will help the Division of Police Crime Lab to process DNA samples efficiently and reduce the wait time for DNA case analysis. The City of Columbus received an award of \$272,315 in 2011 and \$248,307 in 2012. No matching funds are required and all grant expenditures will be reimbursed by the grant-awarded funding.

RECRUIT TESTING: One of the first steps to becoming a member of the Columbus Division of Police or the Columbus Division of Fire is to complete a pre-employment physical and cardiovascular stress test. *Ordinance 2382-2013*, sponsored by Administration Committee chair Hearcel F. Craig, allows the Civil Service Commission to modify and increase a contract with The Ohio State University for the testing of recruits during the winter months. The new contract amount is \$33,750.