



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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INVESTING IN SMALL BUSINESS: The Columbus City Council will consider legislation to continue an already successful small business training program. *Ordinance 2547-2013*, co-sponsored by Councilmembers Hearcel F. Craig and Priscilla R. Tyson, will expand the Small Business Training Services Pilot Program, an initiative that allows local companies with a contract compliance number with the City of Columbus or non-profit corporations free access to Columbus' Citywide Training & Development facility and the numerous classes they offer to improve the professional skills of workers. More than 175 people have taken classes or are registered for future sessions through the Small Business Training Services Pilot Program. For more information on Citywide Training opportunities for small businesses in the Columbus area, contact Kris Cannon-Jackson at CTD@columbus.gov or 614-645-2851.

LIGHTING THE WAY: Columbus residents can participate in a residential [street lighting program](#) to improve the look and safety of their neighborhood. *Ordinance 2368-2013*, sponsored by Public Utilities Committee chair Eileen Y. Paley, authorizes the Director of Public Utilities to enter into a \$59,241 agreement with Advanced Engineering Consultants, Ltd. (AEC) for professional engineering services for design of the Willow Creek Phase II Street Lighting Improvements. The

purpose of this project is to provide the Willow Creek area with overhead street lighting at the request of residents.

CARING FOR OLDER ADULTS: The Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging (COAAA) provides help at home for seniors, resources and education to support senior independence, choice and dignity. Recreation and Parks Committee chair Zach M. Klein is sponsoring *ordinance 2240-2013* to continue a long list of services provided by the COAAA. This legislation authorizes 30 community services contracts worth \$6,300,000 for the provision of meals, adult day care, homemaker, personal care, transportation, home repair and legal services for the period of January 1, 2014, through December 31, 2014. COAAA offers programming for some 40,000 older adults in the Central Ohio area, including Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Pickaway and Union Counties.

IMPROVING CRIME FIGHTING TECHNOLOGY: The Columbus Division of Police depends on the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) to identify individuals and solve crimes. *Ordinance 2157-2013*, sponsored by Public Safety and Judiciary Committee chair Michelle M. Mills, will allow the Division to spend \$55,740 from the Law Enforcement Seizure Fund to replace its current live scan applications. Live scans are used to capture fingerprints and palm prints electronically without the need for the more traditional method of ink and paper. Fingerprint image acquisition is considered to be the most critical step in an AFIS, as it determines the final fingerprint image quality, which has a drastic effect on the overall system performance.