



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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JOBS GROWTH FUNDING: Workforce Development Committee chair [Priscilla R. Tyson](#) is helping two local social service agencies meet the needs of Columbus residents. Councilmember Tyson is sponsoring ordinance *2618-2013* to authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into contracts with Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services and Jewish Family Services. Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services will receive \$75,000 to provide workforce skills for new Americans through the New American Initiatives for Community Advancement. Jewish Family Services will receive \$80,000 to provide employment assistance. The money for the programs is coming from the City Council's 2013 Jobs Growth Fund.

CARING FOR A FIRST RESPONDER: On July 15, 2012, Columbus Division of Police Sergeant Steve Livingston was seriously injured in an on-duty accident when he was hit by a car during a traffic stop on I-270 on the north side. Sgt. Livingston has had to use all of his allotted injury leave, and ordinance *2588-2013*, sponsored by Administration Committee chair [Hearcel F. Craig](#), would grant him an extension of injury leave so that he can continue to recover. The extension is supported by the Police Chief and Safety Director.

WATER LINE REPAIRS: Ordinance *2402-2013*, sponsored by Public Utilities Committee chair [Eileen Y. Paley](#), will replace or rehabilitate water lines in the Deland Avenue area that have a high break frequency. The project would also increase, in some cases, the size of currently under-sized water lines. Replacement of these water lines will decrease burden on water maintenance operations. The new lines constructed under this project should eliminate the pattern of frequent water line breaks. The legislation authorizes the

Director of Public Utilities to enter into an agreement with PRIME AE Group, Inc., for professional engineering services in an amount up to \$242,467.72. This project includes replacing or rehabilitating approximately 9,990 linear feet of 8-inch and 2,115 linear feet of 12-inch water mains within the project area. The project area includes Deland Avenue, Scenic Drive, W. Cooke Road, Overlook Avenue, Olentangy Boulevard, Crosswell Road, and Ceramic Drive.

ACTION PLAN: Development Committee chair [Zach M. Klein](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 2407-2013* to adopt the 2014 Action Plan Budget. The Action Plan, which totals \$13,729,970, includes the proposed budgets for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) programs. This plan represents a continuing commitment to provide decent housing, suitable living environments and expanded economic opportunities.

KICKSTART COLUMBUS: Small & Minority Business Development Committee chair [A. Troy Miller](#) will be hosting another in his series of KickStart Columbus business plan competitions that will award up to two winners free retail space in Downtown Columbus. The contest will be held Thursday evening. The finalists are:

Colu mbus Fashion Incubator
Headshots Columbus
Team Chipmunk
Sweet Simplicities