



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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2014 CIB: Finance Committee Chair [Priscilla R. Tyson](#) is sponsoring ordinance 0683-2014, for adoption of the [2014 capital improvements budget](#). The 2014 CIB includes unprecedented investments in street resurfacing and recreation and parks facilities, along with more than \$7.3 million in amendments sponsored by councilmembers to fund important community priorities like snow removal, neighborhood safety cameras, and sidewalk and streetscape improvements. Initiatives supported by Council's amendments include a feasibility study for the construction of a new Fairwood Pool and home renovation programs in Driving Park, Linden, and the West Side.

STREET RESURFACING: Public Service & Transportation Committee Chair [A. Troy Miller](#) is sponsoring ordinance 0694-2014, the second of several resurfacing contracts Council will consider this year. The first contract, approved by Council at its March 10th meeting, will repair and resurface 122 streets and construct 509 ADA curb ramps. Ordinance 0694-2014 would repair and resurface another 88 streets and construct 636 more ADA curb ramps.

REC & PARKS UPKEEP: With warmer weather on the way and summer fast approaching, Councilmember [Hearcel F. Craig](#), chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 0647-2014, for concrete repair and replacement at various recreation centers and parks, including Barnett

Park & Community Center, Big Walnut Park, Carriage Place Park & Community Center, Cody Park, Devonshire Park, Lou Berliner Park, Milo Grogan Park & Community Center, Northcrest Park, Northeast Park & Howard Community Center, and Walden Park.

COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION: The Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization program provides grants to encourage the rehabilitation of commercial properties located in the NCR districts – Franklinton, the Hilltop, Main Street, Parsons Avenue, Long Street/Mount Vernon, Main Street, and Linden. Ordinance 0725-2014, sponsored by Development Committee Chair [Michelle M. Mills](#), funds both the NCR storefront revitalization grants and the Mile on High program, which assists with retail attraction, building revitalization efforts, and job creation downtown.

PRO ACTIVE CODE ENFORCEMENT: Public Safety & Judiciary Committee Chair [Zach M. Klein](#) is sponsoring ordinance 0592-2014, to provide additional staff, equipment, and a vehicle to the Franklin County Environmental Court. This support will help the court partner with the mayor's Pro Active Code Enforcement teams to better address and abate nuisance, vacant, and abandoned properties.