



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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OVI TASK FORCE: Councilmember Zach M. Klein, chair of the Public Safety and Judiciary Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 2152-2014 to authorize the appropriation of \$221,738.39 to help pay for costs associated with the Ohio Traffic Safety Office (OTSO) OVI Task Force for 2015. The OTSO works to reduce traffic related crashes to save lives and reduce injuries through strict enforcement of OVI laws on local interstate highways and major arterial streets during specific periods. The agreement authorizes reimbursement for the overtime costs of sworn personnel working on the task force.

TREE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM: Recreation and Parks Committee chair Hearcel F. Craig is sponsoring ordinance 2164-2014 for the installation of street trees to replace trees lost to the emerald ash borer. Estimates place the loss of ash trees at close to 200,000. The trees will be planted during the cooler months to give them a better chance at surviving.

TREE CANOPY STUDY: Environment Committee chair Michelle M. Mills is sponsoring ordinance 2194-2014 to fund a comprehensive analysis on the current state of Columbus' tree canopy. The report will also estimate the amount of canopy that has been lost due to the emerald ash borer infestation and the risk of additional canopy loss caused by other invasive pests in the region. A lush, diverse and healthy tree

canopy is essential to combatting climate change and creating a sustainable community.

CITY HALL CAMPUS: Finance Committee chair Priscilla R. Tyson is sponsoring ordinance 2190-2014 for professional architectural and engineering consulting services for the new Front and Long Street building. The building will house, among other City services, the Building and Zoning, Development, and Public Service departments. The ordinance authorizes a contract modification to address changes in the scale, scope and location of the building's parking garage and will include plans for street retail.

CELEBRATING GALLEY HOP: For 30 years, the monthly Short North Gallery Hop has helped highlight the Short North Arts District and the shops and restaurants the area has to offer. Councilmember Eileen Y. Paley is sponsoring resolution 0167x-2014 to celebrate this nationally recognized event.

NEW COUNCILMEMBER: Council President Andrew J. Ginther and colleagues will nominate an applicant and vote to appoint a new member to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of A. Troy Miller.