



## COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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**ELECTION DAY:** Council President [Andrew J. Ginther](#) is reminding residents to vote on Tuesday, November 4. Columbus has three issues, 6, 7, & 8, on the ballot to amend the City Charter. For more information visit [columbus.gov/charter](http://columbus.gov/charter).

**VAP INITIATIVE:** Ordinance 2366-2014, sponsored by Development Committee chair [Michelle M. Mills](#), provides \$2,085,661 to support the Vacant and Abandoned Properties (VAP) Initiative. Begun in 2012 by Mayor Coleman, VAP targets the worst of the worst blighted properties in Columbus for rehabilitation or demolition. This legislation allows the City to enter into contracts with seven companies that will provide demolition and asbestos abatement services under the program.

**BRIDGE CARE PROGRAM:** Health and Human Services Committee chair [Priscilla R. Tyson](#) is sponsoring ordinance 2485-2014 to provide \$65,000 for an advanced practice nurse to link Columbus Public Health patients with primary care physicians at Columbus Neighborhood Health Center, Inc. (CNHC). The Bridge Care Program offers quality health care at four CNHC clinics. CNHC is a community-based, private, not-for-profit organization providing primary health care services to all individuals regardless of their ability to pay. Linking patients to primary care physicians is critical in reducing health care costs and increasing quality healthcare.

**CLEAN WATER:** Public Utilities Committee chair [Zach M. Klein](#) is sponsoring ordinance 2094-2014 to allow the Director of Public Utilities to enter into agreements with CDM Smith Inc. and MWH Americas Inc. for professional engineering services for the Dublin Road Water Plant and Hap Cremean Water

Plant UV Disinfection Projects. Disinfection provides a multi-barrier treatment operation at the plants that improves public health protection by inactivating chlorine resistant microorganisms and other harmful pathogens. Quality water provided by the City is essential to human health and economic growth and development. The contracts total \$1,826,895.09.

**CAMP CHASE TRAIL:** Councilmember [Hearcel F. Craig](#), chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 2403-2014 to authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to enter into contract with The Righter Company, Inc. for the installation of the Camp Chase Rail Trail. This project will construct a 2.9-mile section of the multi-use trail located adjacent to the active Camp Chase Railroad from West Sullivant Avenue to Eureka Avenue. The project includes the construction of two new single-span, prefabricated steel truss bridges crossing South Fork Dry Run and Dry Run. The cost for this project will be \$3,817,766.71, with a contingency of \$350,000.00 for a total of \$4,167,766.71.

**SOUTHERN GATEWAY IMPROVEMNTS:** Public Service & Transportation Committee chair [Shannon G. Hardin](#) is sponsoring an ordinance that will continue the development of the Southern Gateway initiative. Ordinance 2306-2014 allows for the expenditure of \$100,000 for curb and sidewalk replacement, street trees, lighting improvements and storm sewer upgrades in targeted areas.

**CALL FOR ARTISTS:** Columbus City Councilmember [Eileen Y. Paley](#), the Greater Columbus Arts Council and Experience Columbus are partnering to give local artists a chance to have their work displayed for sale in a prominent downtown location. A limited number of pieces will be offered for sale at the Experience Columbus store in the Arena District. Councilmember Paley is asking Columbus artists to create keepsakes or gifts that highlight the uniqueness of our community and display the creativity and energy of our city and region.