



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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JOB CREATION AGREEMENT: Founded in 1881, Columbus Castings on Parsons Avenue is the largest single-site steel foundry in North America, and the company is currently completing a major expansion project that will create an estimated 550 local jobs. The new positions will add approximately \$15.8 million to the company's annual payroll, while the 616 jobs that are being retained comprise an annual payroll of \$24.7 million. Development Committee Chair [Michelle M. Mills](#) is sponsoring ordinance 2189-2014, an agreement that will support Columbus Castings' job creation efforts on the South Side.

SMALL BUSINESS LOAN PROGRAM: Small & Minority Business Development Chair [Shannon G. Hardin](#) is sponsoring ordinance 2815-2014 to allow the director of the Department of Development to enter into a \$100,000 contract with the Increase Community Development Corporation (ICDC) for the purpose of administering a microenterprise program. The program will provide educational training and revolving loans for entrepreneurs. Participants will learn how to write a business plan, develop successful operating and marketing strategies, and manage profit, loss, cash flow, and other key financial and business concepts. ICDC will also provide microloans or working capital for eligible ventures.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY: Health and Human Services Committee Chair [Priscilla R. Tyson](#) is sponsoring legislation to create a mobile phone-

based scheduling system that will improve access to healthy food in three Columbus neighborhoods. Ordinance 2837-2014 will allow the City of Columbus to enter into an agreement with [HandsOn Central Ohio](#) to operate a program that will connect clients with food pantries in three of the city's most food-insecure neighborhoods: Linden, Franklinton, and the South Side.

SUPPORTING VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE: Public Safety & Judiciary Committee Chair [Zach M. Klein](#) is sponsoring ordinances 2534- and 2535-2014 to support victims of domestic violence. The city attorney's office will be authorized to accept grants from the state of Ohio to help victims and witnesses of domestic violence through the legal process and provide them with counseling, referrals, and connections to helpful agencies and community resources.

SCIOTO GREENWAYS PROJECT: Councilmember [Hearcel F. Craig](#), chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 2765-2014 to allow the City of Columbus to accept a \$2,000,000 grant from the Franklin County Commissioners for the Scioto Greenways Project. The project is currently redeveloping the riverfront in the downtown area, reclaiming green space, and creating a cleaner, more sustainable environment with new recreational opportunities for the community to enjoy.

CELEBRATING COSI: Councilmember [Eileen Y. Paley](#), chair of the Administration Committee, is sponsoring resolution 0200X-2014 to celebrate the reopening of the Center of Science and Industry's Planetarium. The planetarium, closed for ten years, has been upgraded with state-of-the-art digital technology to enhance the learning and entertainment experience for visitors.