



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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INVESTING IN COLUMBUS: In the fall of 2011, the Funding Review Advisory Committee, convened by Council President [Andrew J. Ginther](#) and Mayor Coleman, began its review of current and potential streams of non-income tax funding for the arts, tourism and human services industries. One recommendation from the group was a reallocation of the hotel/motel tax in an effort to increase the investment in the travel and tourism industry. *Ordinance 0484-2014* changes the allocation of the city's combined 5.1 percent hotel/motel tax and *ordinance 0485-2014*, sponsored by Finance Committee chair [Priscilla R. Tyson](#), decreases the general operating fund appropriation for fiscal year 2014 by \$1,309,000 to move those dollars to hotel/motel tax fund recipients.

APPS SUPPORT: The Applications for Pride, Purpose and Success (APPS) program works to create a safer Columbus through anti-violence activities. *Ordinances 0277-2014 and 0279-2014*, sponsored by Recreation and Parks Committee chair [Hearcel F. Craig](#), will allow the City of Columbus to enter into contracts with Community for New Directions and the Columbus Urban League to provide crisis response teams in various Columbus neighborhoods. The teams will be on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to provide violence interruption and crisis response activities, including responding to specific gang-related confrontations, working to mediate conflict tensions, and connecting youth and families to the social, educational, and developmental services they need.

ZONING CHANGES: Extended stay hotels are popular housing options for many people living or working in Columbus. *Ordinance 2342-2013*, sponsored by Zoning Committee chair [A. Troy Miller](#), will allow the City of Columbus to hold these buildings to the same development standards as traditional multi-unit residential developments, meaning that future builds will require more parking, less density, and greater buffers between structures and property lines. The Columbus Development Commission voted to recommend approval of this Columbus Zoning Code revision at its monthly public meeting on September 12, 2013.

SUPPORTING LINDEN: The Greater Linden Development Corporation (GLDC) was founded 20 years ago to improve the quality of life and business opportunities for the Linden community.

Ordinance 0460-2014, sponsored by Development Committee chair [Michelle M. Mills](#), will allow the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a \$28,753 contract with the GLDC for costs associated with business development and community development, housing, planning, safety and beautification efforts in the community.

WATER LINE IMPROVEMENTS: Councilmember [Zach M. Klein](#), chair of the Public Utilities Committee, is sponsoring two ordinances this evening that will improve water lines in Columbus neighborhoods. *Ordinance 0236-2014* allows the City to enter into a construction contract with Elite Excavating Co. of Ohio, Inc., in the amount of \$2,274,496.95, for the Chase Road Area Water Line Improvements Project to install approximately 3,700 linear feet of 6-inch water line and 7,600 linear feet of 8-inch water line in the Chase Road area, including Strimple Avenue, Roche Street and Meadowlark Lane. *Ordinance 0251-2014* is for the Cooke Road Area Water Line Improvements Project. The City will spend \$2,499,998.79 for the installation of 2-inch, 6-inch, 8-inch, and 12-inch water lines and appurtenances inclusive of approximately 12,616 linear feet of open-cut trenching and 955 linear feet of 2-inch and 6-inch water line. The purpose of both projects is to improve area water distribution systems and eliminate the pattern of frequent water line breaks.