



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT: As the winter of 2013-14 winds down, the City of Columbus is planning for next season's snow fall with the purchase of 25 new trucks to replace older trucks in the fleet. *Ordinance 0550-2014*, sponsored by Public Service and Transportation Committee Chair [A. Troy Miller](#), will spend \$3,116,272 for the vehicles, 16 of which will be powered by compressed natural gas.

FUNDING SOCIAL SERVICES: The City of Columbus partners with a number of dedicated social service agencies to help thousands of Columbus residents. Health & Human Services Committee Chair [Priscilla R. Tyson](#) is sponsoring legislation that will provide funding for 37 [organizations](#) as they work to meet the needs of their clients. *Ordinance 0437-2014* authorizes the Department of Development to enter into contracts worth more than \$3.3 million. The legislation supports social service agencies that provide help to families and households through access to day care, substance abuse prevention programs, refugee and resettlement programs, senior care, mediation services, services for the disabled, material assistance and food programs, workforce development, and youth programs. The legislation authorizes the expenditure of \$1,114,160 from the Emergency Human Services Fund and \$2,233,076 from the General Fund for a total of \$3,367,236.

SAFETY PATROLS: The Community Crime Patrol (CCP) works closely with the Columbus Division of Police to keep Columbus neighborhoods as safe as possible. Public Safety Committee Chair [Zach M. Klein](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 0389-2014*, to provide \$400,000 for the CCP. The Community Crime Patrol's highly-trained citizen patrollers increase safety in Columbus neighborhoods by deterring crime and assisting police in the apprehension of suspects. CCP is active in neighborhoods throughout the city, including the University District, Weinland Park, the Hilltop, Franklinton, Merion Village, Downtown, Northland, and North Linden.

HELP FOR VETERANS: Veterans Affairs Committee Chair [Hearcel F. Craig](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 0646-2014* to allow the Development Department to enter into a \$75,000 contract with the Ohio Association of Foodbanks (OAF) to support the Veterans Comprehensive

Assistance Program (VCAP). The OAF, in partnership with Community Reinvestment Resources, will work cooperatively with the City of Columbus to pilot VCAP. The program will address the barriers to long-term stability facing more than 200 of the city's at-risk veterans, a population identified by the Franklin County Municipal Court and Central Ohio Homeless Veterans Stand Down. VCAP will ensure a "no wrong door" policy for these veterans, providing them a pathway to long-term stability and employment through a tiered, wrap-around service model. The Veterans Comprehensive Assistance Program aligns closely with the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness' Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness and is designed to pilot effective strategies for coordinating veterans' services at the local level. The success of this program will be used to leverage additional local, state, and/or federal resources to establish VCAP as a best practice in other major cities in Ohio and to ensure the long-term sustainability of VCAP in Columbus.

PROVIDING GOOD HOUSING: The Affordable Housing Trust for Columbus and Franklin County combines public and private funding through a variety of sources to support the development of housing in Central Ohio. Development Committee Chair [Michelle M. Mills](#) is sponsoring ordinance 0575-2014 to direct the city's annual contribution of hotel/motel tax receipts to the Housing Trust at an estimated \$1,482,000 so that it may continue its work in our community.

CALMC SUPPORT: The Columbus Area Labor-Management Committee (CALMC) is a non-profit that promotes the development of high-performing organizations through the joint participation of labor and management. Since its founding in 1986, CALMC has worked with many private and public sector entities and their unions to help them achieve their goals through effective training, communications, and leadership. Administration Committee Chair [Eileen Y. Paley](#) is sponsoring ordinance 0567-2014 to spend \$50,000 from City Council's Jobs Growth Fund to support the continued work of CALMC.