

COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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SUPPORTING THE SHELTER BOARD: Despite the continued strong performance of the economy in Columbus and Central Ohio, the number of homeless single adults grew 14% over the last three years. Councilmember Priscilla R. Tyson, chair of the Health & Human Services Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 0549-2014, which authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a contract with the Community Shelter Board for the implementation of a new single adult crisis response system. The contract will provide \$1,104,612 from the General Fund for the purpose of assisting homeless men and women to transition more efficiently and effectively from homelessness to permanent housing and stability.

SAFE HOUSING OPTIONS: Councilmember Michelle M. Mills, chair of the Development Committee, is sponsoring *ordinance 0905-2014*, to provide funds to various Community Housing Development Organizations that work in neighborhoods to develop affordable housing through the rehabilitation of existing housing stock or new in-fill construction. The organizations that would be supported through this ordinance are Community Development for all People, the Franklinton Development Association, the Greater Linden Development Corporation, and Homes on the Hill CDC.

WILSON ROAD PARK: Councilmember <u>Hearcel F. Craig</u>, chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee, is sponsoring *ordinance 0892-2014*, for the design of a trailhead facility to serve Wilson Road Park and the Camp Chase Trail. Once completed, the Camp Chase Rail Trail will provide a critical connection between Sullivant Avenue near the I-270 West Outerbelt and the Scioto Trail near the intersection of I-70 and I-670 west of downtown. The Camp Chase Rail Trail will also serve as a portion of the Ohio to Erie Trail and will be provide a vital link between the city's west side and downtown.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS: Ordinance 0908-2014, sponsored by Public Service and Transportation Committee chair A. Troy Miller, authorizes the director of Public Service to enter into contract with HNTB Ohio, Inc., in the amount of up to \$1,250,000 for the Traffic Signal Installation - Columbus Traffic Signal System (CTSS) Phase D project. This project is the next phase of design and system integration in the migration of the existing Columbus Traffic Signal

System to an open architecture that can serve Central Ohio stakeholders with system connectivity and interoperability. The desired outcome is the transition of approximately 260 signalized intersections to the central traffic control system installed in the CTSS B project, maximizing the infrastructure from the previous projects. Fiber optic cable, wireless devices, and other electronic equipment will be installed. It is anticipated that Franklin County, ODOT, and local municipalities will participate in the project.

WATER LINE IMPROVEMENTS: Ordinance 0735-2014, sponsored by Public Utilities Committee chair Zach M. Klein, allows the City to enter into a reimbursement agreement with the Franklin Township Board of Trustees for the Eastfield Drive Area Water Line Improvements Project. The board of trustees will reimburse the city for the milling and resurfacing of portions of Marsdale Avenue, Westfield Drive, Eastfield Drive North, Eastfield Drive, and Gantz Road.

YOM HASHOAH OBSERVANCE: Councilmember <u>Eileen Y. Paley</u> will be a featured speaker at the 2014 Holocaust Remembrance ceremony this Friday, May 2, at 12pm in City Council Chambers. The event is open to the public and will be broadcast live on CTV, Columbus' cable access channel 3 on local cable systems.

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION: The <u>Columbus Charter Review Commission</u> will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, May 7th, at 2pm in City Council Conference Room 225, on the second floor of City Hall. All meetings of the Charter Review Commission are open to the public.