CARING FOR OLDER ADULTS: The Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging (COAAA) helps Columbus seniors lead safe and independent lives. Ordinance 1066-2014, sponsored by Recreation and Parks Committee chair Hearcel F. Craig, authorizes increases to 30 community services contracts for the provision of meals, adult day care, homemaker, personal care, transportation, home repair and legal services for 2014.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS: Councilmember Priscilla R. Tyson, chair of the Finance Committee, is sponsoring 19 ordinances that will allow the City of Columbus to issue bonds in the approximate amount of $490 million to finance numerous capital improvement projects that will support public safety, health, recreation and parks, transportation, public utilities, and other essential city services. This is the annual financing of projects that are included in the Capital Improvements Program.

RESURFACING AND MORE: Councilmember A. Troy Miller, chair of the Public Service and Transportation Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 1058-2014 for the reconstruction of Sullivant Avenue between South Glenwood Avenue and Harris Avenue. In addition to the roadwork, the contract calls for the construction of 165 ADA curb ramps, improved signage and pavement markings.
FIGHTING CRIME: Public Safety and Judiciary Committee chair Zach M. Klein is sponsoring ordinance 1028-2014, to allow the City of Columbus to accept a grant and partially fund a Cyber Crime Investigator and a Domestic Violence Victim Advocate who will serve the Franklin County community from the City Attorney's Prosecution section. The Cyber Crime Investigator investigates telecommunication harassment allegations and frequently helps identify suspects in stalking cases. The Domestic Violence Victim Advocate works with victims of domestic violence and stalking in their initial court appearances, frequently within days of the incident, and helps them obtain emergency protection orders.

SUPPORTING FRANKLINTON: Ordinance 1032-2014, sponsored by Development Committee chair Michelle M. Mills, allows the Director of Development to enter into a contract with the Franklinton Board of Trade to support economic development efforts in Columbus’ first neighborhood. Services will include administrative support, program design, and marketing, with $75,000 coming from City Council’s Neighborhood Services Fund.

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION: The Columbus Charter Review Commission will hold its next meeting on Thursday, May 22th, at 1pm 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 and are recorded for broadcast on CTV, Columbus’ government channel 3 on local cable systems.

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