



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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PASSPORT PROGRAM: The Pre-Admission Screening System Providing Options and Resources Today (PASSPORT) program provides home care services as an alternative to nursing home admission for Medicaid-eligible clients. Ordinance 1190-2014, sponsored by Recreation and Parks Committee Chair [Hearcel F. Craig](#), will authorize an appropriation of \$44,750,000 from the Ohio Department of Aging for the continued operation of the PASSPORT program. PASSPORT Services include case management, adult day care, homemaking, meals, personal care, respite, transportation and emergency response. Approximately 4,100 clients are currently being served by Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging under the PASSPORT program.

KICKSTART COMPETITIONS: Councilmember [A. Troy Miller](#), a small business owner and chair of the Minority and Small Business Committee, is sponsoring 1139-2014 to allow Columbus City Council to enter into a \$34,000 contract with the Economic and Community Development Institute (ECDI) for the 2014/2015 City of Columbus KickStart and KickStart Widget Pitch contests. KickStart is a business plan competition that will again award various prizes related to business development, including free storefront space and other sponsor/partner services. KickStart Widget Pitch is a competitive contest focusing specifically on business products, and allows finalists to present business ideas, concepts, and products to an investor panel for potential private funding. The money for the contract is in Council's Jobs Growth Fund.

FUEL-EFFICIENT VEHICLES: Finance Committee Chair [Priscilla R. Tyson](#) is sponsoring ordinance 0962-2014, for the purchase of 155 automobiles, light duty trucks, and covert vehicles for the Department of Public Safety, as well as an additional eleven vehicles and light duty trucks for other departments. The vehicles will replace older, high-mileage, and high-maintenance vehicles that are

currently in service. The new vehicles are fuel efficient and will relieve the city of the older vehicles' maintenance and upkeep expenses.

HELP FOR HOMEBUYERS: The Department of Development's HOME Investment Partnerships Program provides funds to assist first-time homebuyers and for-profit or non-profit organizations with grants and no- or low-interest loans for projects designed to increase and preserve the local supply of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing for low and moderate income families. Councilmember [Michelle M. Mills](#), chair of the Development Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 1130-2014, to authorize the expenditure of \$159,135.50 through the program.

RIGHT-OF-WAY REPAIRS: Construction season is underway, and Councilmember [Zach M. Klein](#), chair of the Public Utilities Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 1140-2014, for the Utility Cut and Restoration Project. Various types of utility excavations are performed within the city's right-of-way by the Department of Public Utilities, and the restoration work authorized by this contract includes the repair of existing pavement, curbs, and sidewalks.

NEIGHBORHOOD BEST PRACTICES CONFERENCE: Administration Committee Chair [Eileen Y. Paley](#) is sponsoring ordinance 1174-2014, to support the Neighborhood Best Practices Conference. The annual conference fosters communication and collaboration between neighborhood residents and representatives from city, county, and state government. The city's Community Relations Commission co-hosts the conference with the United Way of Central Ohio. This year's conference will be held on October 11th.