HEALTHY BABIES: Councilmember Priscilla R. Tyson, chair of the Health & Human Services Committee, is sponsoring an ordinance that will continue City Council’s commitment to reducing disparities in infant mortality in Columbus neighborhoods. Councilmember Tyson is sponsoring ordinance 1573-2014 to accept $40,000 in grant funding to contract with CityMatCH/University of Nebraska Medical Center to provide leadership for the Ohio Institute for Equity in Birth Outcomes. The money will be used to support efforts by Columbus Public Health to improve birth outcomes on the South Side.

BUILDING BIKE TRAILS: Ordinance 1490-2014, sponsored by Recreation and Parks Committee chair Hearcel F. Craig, will extend the Alum Creek trail by 1.25 miles and provide connectivity for the Ohio Dominican University Campus and the Brittany Hills community. The segment includes three stream crossings over Alum Creek and two smaller crossings over tributary creeks. Once completed, the Alum Creek Trail will extend 22 uninterrupted miles from Westerville to Three Creeks Park.

MINDMARKET: Small & Minority Business Committee chair A. Troy Miller is sponsoring ordinance 1486-2014 to allow the City of Columbus to enter into $100,000 contract with the Columbus College of Art & Design to support the MindMarket Incubator Program. The mission of the incubator is to support the creation of new businesses in art and design industries, and to deliver entrepreneurship education not only to current students and alumni of Columbus State, but the entire Columbus creative community. The CCAD MindMarket Incubator will assist emerging companies and entrepreneurs in gaining access to capital.
ONE COMMUNITY: Administration Committee chair Eileen Y. Paley and the Community Relations Commission are holding the first of several “One Community One City” community meetings on Thursday, July 17th, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM at the new Driving Park Library, located at 1422 East Livingston Avenue. Residents are encouraged to attend to exchange ideas that have been successful in their neighborhood and decide the issues they would like to see discussed at future meetings. The meeting is free and open to the public; for more information call 645-1950 or 645-1952.

CHARTER REVIEW: Columbus City Council President Andrew J. Ginther will host the second of two public hearings on the recommendations of the Columbus Charter Review Commission. Members of the Commission and city staff will brief Council on the recommendations. Public comments will be accepted at the hearing, which will be broadcast on CTV. Speaker slips will be accepted on the day of each hearing and the general rules of speaking before Council will apply.

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