



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS: Councilmember [Zach M. Klein](#), chair of the Public Safety and Judiciary Committee, is sponsoring two ordinances, 1376- and 1377-2014, that will establish licensing requirements and regulations for peer-to-peer transportation companies and drivers operating in Columbus. Since November 2013, the City of Columbus has worked with interested parties and key stakeholders to craft responsible guidelines that will allow these popular forms of transportation to operate in our city while protecting the public. The new code requires companies and drivers to obtain a license, meet and maintain insurance requirements, provide backgrounds checks on drivers, and provide key information to passengers through the online application.

BRICE-TUSSING REAL ESTATE MARKET STUDY: Development Committee chair [Michelle M. Mills](#) is sponsoring ordinance 1664-2014 to allow the Director of Development to enter into a \$50,000 contract with DiSalvo Development Advisors, LLC, to prepare the Brice-Tussing Real Estate Market Study. The Brice-Tussing area is in a transitional economic phase, experiencing disinvestment, vacancies, and traffic concerns. The study will document the state of the current commercial market and include recommendations to improve the economic climate in the corridor. Findings from the study will serve as a foundational piece of the area plan update.

REHABBING REEB: Councilmember [Priscilla R. Tyson](#), chair of the Finance Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 1758-2014, for the renovation of the former Reeb Avenue Elementary School, a historic landmark on the South Side. The facility will be known as the Reeb Avenue Center and will house non-profit organizations that will provide programs and services to meet the needs of the neighborhood.

FRANKLINTON STREETScape: Council President Pro Tem [A. Troy Miller](#), chair of the Public Service and Transportation Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 1591-2014, for the continuation of improvements that began with the two-way conversions of Rich Street and Town Street. The project will install streetscape improvements – including decorative street lights, street trees, curb ramps, and sidewalks – on Rich and Town from Sandusky Street to

Lucas Street in Franklinton. Standard street lights will be replaced with decorative street lights on Grubb Street, Skidmore Street, Gift Street, McDowell Street, and Lucas Street between Rich and Town, and on Walnut Street between Gift and Lucas.

LINCOLN PARK POOL: Recreation and Parks Committee chair [Hearcel F. Craig](#) is sponsoring ordinance 1719-2014 to spend up to \$4,368,000 for the replacement of the Lincoln Pool and the bath house structure at Lincoln Park.

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION: Council President [Andrew J. Ginther](#) is sponsoring three ordinances requesting that the boards of elections of Franklin, Delaware, and Fairfield Counties place three charter amendment questions on the November 4, 2014 ballot. The ordinances are the result of the work of the Columbus Charter Review Commission, a group of highly regarded civic leaders who performed a complete review of the charter. Each ordinance would modernize the charter in a specific area: ordinance 1747-2014 pertains to city administration, 1748-2014 to city elections, and 1749-2014 to city officeholders. The commission met for more than 14 hours in public meetings that were broadcast live or recorded and posted on the commission's website.