KING ARTS COMPLEX: Opened in 1987, the King Arts Complex is a not-for-profit organization that was established to carry on the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by promoting, preserving, and fostering the artistic and cultural contributions of African Americans. Councilmember Hearcel F. Craig, chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 1731-2014, for design work on improvements to the King Arts Complex. Improvements will include window replacement with energy efficient windows, the replacement of nine sets of doors, lighting and HVAC upgrades, and new flooring.

NEW CNG STATION: Just a few weeks after opening a second compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling station in Columbus, Councilmember Priscilla Tyson, chair of the Finance Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 1759-2014, for the construction and operation of a satellite CNG fueling facility at 1400 McKinley Avenue. The city and the Central Ohio Transit Authority will jointly construct the facility on COTA’s property. COTA has agreed to provide fuel and infrastructure support to the facility from its existing CNG fueling station at 1438 McKinley for use by the city.

SMALL BUSINESS CONCIERGE: In an effort to improve the business climate in Columbus, Small and Minority Business Development Committee chair A. Troy Miller included funding for a small business concierge position for the City of Columbus in his 2014 general fund budget amendments. Ordinance 1795-2014 allows for the use of $100,000 from the City Council’s Jobs Growth Fund to pay for this new position in the Building and Zoning Services Department. The office will work with small businesses to highlight services and programs that can make the first months and years of operation easier and more efficient.

STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS: Councilmember Zach Klein is sponsoring ordinance 1542-2014, for stormwater system improvements to alleviate drainage issues in the Marion Road and Lockbourne Road area. In addition to the stormwater system improvements, sidewalks and ADA curb ramps will be installed on Lockbourne Road between Frebis Avenue and State Route 104, and on Marion Road from Parsons Avenue to Lockbourne Road.