



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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NEW FIRE STATION: Public Safety Chair Zach Klein offers ordinance 2592-2015, which would amend the 2015 Capital Improvement Budget and authorize the expenditure of \$8.914 million for the construction of a new Fire Station in the city and to enter into a contract with Robertson Construction Services, Inc., for it. Current Fire Station 2, 150 E. Fulton St., opened in 1962. Until recently both Fire Stations 2 and 3 were co-located at that location. In June, however, a new Fire Station 3 was dedicated on Greenlawn Avenue and Fire Station 2 was officially closed. This new Fire Station 2 will be built on the existing site after the demolition of the current structure on Fulton Street.

KING ARTS COMPLEX: Recreation and Parks Chair Jaiza Page offers ordinance 2644-2015, which would authorize and direct the city to enter into a contract with Gutknecht Construction for the King Arts Complex Renovation 2015 project and to authorize an expenditure of \$820,000 in connection with it. These much needed renovations will include heating and cooling upgrades in the gallery, board room and offices, electrical service and lighting upgrades and replacement and other enhancements.

UPDATING OUR TAX STRUCTURE: Finance Chair Priscilla R. Tyson offers ordinance 2658-2015, which would enact a new Chapter 362 of the city code to provide for the administration and collection of municipal income taxes after Jan. 1 so that city code is consistent with state law changes enacted by the Ohio Legislature.

ASSISTANCE FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS: Judiciary and Court Administration Chair Eileen Y. Paley sponsors ordinance 2654-2015, 2655-2015 and 2656-2015, which are all related to assistance for victims of domestic violence. Ordinance 2654-2015 would authorize the City Attorney to accept the 15-16 VOCA Domestic Violence and Pretrial Services Advocates grant award of add matching funds for a total appropriation of about \$232,142 for the program; ordinance 2655-2015 authorizes the City Attorney to accept the 15-16 OVCA Equipment Grant Award and matching funds for an appropriation of about \$23,000 for that program and ordinance 2656-2015 authorizes the City Attorney to accept the 15-16 SVAA Domestic Violence and Pretrial Services Advocates grant award for an appropriation of \$9,743.