



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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EMERGENCY GRANTS: Councilmember Priscilla R. Tyson offers ordinance 3155-2015, which would authorize the city to enter into grant agreements with The Breathing Association and The Salvation Army for grants totaling \$85,000. The legislation targets social service programs that fall into one or more of the city's three priority areas including emergency and basic needs, employment and self-sufficiency and social success for our residents and neighborhoods.

LIQUOR OBJECTIONS: Each year the City of Columbus objects to the renewal of liquor permits for establishments that have a history of criminal activity, excessive police runs, code and health violations, and general disregard for neighborhood safety. While state law does not grant cities the authority to revoke or deny the renewal of liquor permits, Columbus City Council exercises its right to submit formal objections to the Ohio Department of Commerce's Division of Liquor Control in hopes that the state will deny permit renewals to irresponsible establishments. The Division of Liquor Control has the sole authority to grant a renewal or uphold the city's objection. Public Safety & Judiciary Committee chair Zach M. Klein will sponsor nine resolutions 0276X-2015 through 0284X-2015 to lodge the city's objections, which are the product of efforts by Council, the City Attorney's office, the Division of Police, and community residents to improve neighborhood safety.

FIGHTING CYBERCRIME: Judiciary and Court Administration Committee chair Eileen Y. Paley offers ordinance 3077-2015, which would authorize the Mayor on behalf of the City Attorney to accept a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services. The grant partially funds a Cyber Crime Investigator to serve the Franklin County community within the City Attorney's Prosecution section. The Cyber Crime Investigator investigates telecommunication harassment allegations and frequently assists in stalking cases helping to identify the suspect.

PROTECTING CITY ASSETS: Recreation and Parks Committee chair Jaiza Page is sponsoring ordinance 3096-2015. The legislation will allow the city to enter into a contract with KNS Services for security system upgrades at various city facilities. The legislation also earmarks \$147,396 in connection with the project and is to supply and install camera operating system upgrades at most facilities that currently have cameras.

IMPROVING LIBRARIES: Public Service & Transportation Committee chair Shannon G. Hardin offers ordinance 2966-2015. The proposal would allow the city to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Columbus Metropolitan Library to outline the plans and certain commitments of the parties relating to coordinating public improvements in support of the 2020 Vision Plan. The Columbus Metropolitan Library is undertaking the 2020 Vision Plan, a \$120 million capital improvement program that will invest approximately \$85 million in seven libraries in Columbus.

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT: Councilmember Fran Ryan, chair of the Environment Committee, offers ordinance 3102-2015, which would allow the city to receive a grant from the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO). The grant would allow the city to continue the city's Environmental Steward program through 2017. SWACO has provided support for the Environmental Stewardship program, which is also known as the "Get Green" initiative, since 2006.