



## COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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**WASTEWATER TREATMENT:** The Southerly Wastewater Treatment Plant is one of two facilities operated by the City of Columbus that treats wastewater from Columbus and 22 suburban communities. The Columbus wastewater collection system consists of 2,496 miles of sanitary sewers and 156 miles of combined sewers that collect domestic and industrial wastewater as well as rainwater. Public Utilities Chairman Zach Klein offers ordinance 1243-2015 to demolish the Southerly Wastewater Treatment Plant biosolids Land Application Facility and construct a new facility. The \$42,997,350 for the project will help Columbus maintain the cleanest environment possible.

**WESTSIDE COMMUNITY FUND:** The City of Columbus and Penn National Gaming, the owners of the Hollywood Casino, created the Westside Community Fund to improve the quality of life in the neighborhoods that surround the casino site. Ordinance 1361-2015, sponsored by Health and Human Services Committee chair Priscilla R. Tyson, donates \$215,600 to the OhioHealth Foundation for renovations and equipment to support women's health care services at Doctors Hospital. The City and Penn have both pledged to contribute \$2.5 million to the fund.

**SUPPORTING CRAs:** Columbus has a number of Community Reinvestment Areas (CRA) designed to encourage economic stability and growth in targeted neighborhoods. Ordinance 1375-2015, sponsored by Development Committee chair Michelle M. Mills, will continue and expand real property tax exemptions for residentially-zoned parcels within designated areas by continuing the existing program as well as expanding boundaries and allowable activities. The Ordinance will expand the boundaries of the Linden, Southside and Near East Community Reinvestment Areas and also create a new North Central Community Reinvestment Area. These amendments will allow new construction rental properties and the conversion of commercial properties to residential properties to be eligible for abatement.

**ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS:** Public Service Committee chair Shannon G. Hardin is sponsoring ordinance 1329-2015 that will create a safer, more walkable neighborhood for residents in the Noe Bixby Road area. The legislation allows the City to spend \$1,051,906.30 to install a wall on the west side of the 1700 block of Noe Bixby Road and a sidewalk on Livingston Avenue from Lattimer Drive to Woodcrest Road on the south side of the street.

**COURTVIEW:** Judiciary Committee chair Eileen Y. Paley is sponsoring ordinance 1330-2015 to spend \$35,000 so the Franklin County Municipal Court Administrative and Presiding Judge can enter into

contract with CourtView Justice System. CourtView allows judges and court personnel access to electronic files allowing the court to save money and work more efficiently.

**SOFTBALL WORLD SERIES:** In the month when Columbus hosts the annual Pride Festival, City Councilmembers will consider ordinance 1452-2015, co-sponsored by Council President Andrew J. Ginther in Councilmember Paley's Administration Committee, to enter into a grant agreement with the Greater Columbus Sports Commission to support the 2015 North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance Softball World Series to be held at Lou Berliner Park August 14-22. The \$15,000 grant matches one by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners. Gay Softball World Series will feature approximately 180 teams and 2,700 attendees and generate an estimated \$5 million in visitor spending.