



## COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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**WILSON ROAD PARKLAND:** Recreation and Parks Committee chair Jaiza Page is sponsoring ordinance 1612-2015 to provide \$534,650 for the Wilson Road Parkland project. The money comes from the Westside Community Fund created by Penn National Gaming and the City of Columbus to help revitalize the area immediately surrounding the Hollywood Casino. Funds are being used for a variety of projects including job training, economic development, and capital projects. The City of Columbus is committed to providing \$756,650 in total funding for the Wilson Road Park development for the construction of an open shelter, parking lot, and connecting pathways on the currently undeveloped Wilson Road Parkland, located between West Broad Street and Sullivant Avenue on South Wilson Road. The Recreation and Parks Department has worked with the Friends of Camp Chase Trail, the Westgate Neighborhood Association, the Greater Hilltop Area Commission, and others to craft a master plan for the park that will guide the design and layout of these improvements.

**SUPPORTING MINORITY BUSINESSES:** Small and Minority Business Development Committee chair Shannon G. Hardin is sponsoring ordinance 1639-2015 to authorize the Executive Director of the Equal Business Opportunity Office (EBOCO) to apply to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Division of Minority Business Development Agency for a grant to establish a Minority Business Enterprise Center (MBEC) in the City of Columbus. The MBEC is expected to provide client services including access to capital and business development consulting. The EBOCO of Columbus will work collaboratively with the Columbus Urban League and a number of other agencies who support the growth and development of minority owned businesses to submit a grant application that will facilitate and implement the MBEC goals. The grant amounts will range from \$300,000 to \$500,000 annually over a three year cycle. The award will be made at the end of 2015 to begin in 2016.

**CELEBRATING THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT:** Judiciary and Court Administration Committee chair Eileen Y. Paley is sponsoring resolution 0201x-2015 to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson on August 5, 1965, the Voting Rights Act prohibits racial discrimination in voting.

