



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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SUPPORTING CITIZEN SOLDIERS: The City of Columbus supports employees who are called to active military duty by providing military leave with pay and benefits. Councilmember Eileen Y. Paley, chair of the Veterans Affairs' Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 2304-2015 to ensure the extension of City-provided group health and life insurance to employees called to duty under the same terms and conditions currently in effect for City employees and their beneficiaries. The program was initiated by City Council after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

GREENER COLUMBUS: Public Utilities Committee chair Zach Klein is sponsoring ordinance 1756-2015 to modify an existing agreement with Black & Veatch Corporation for the Southerly Wastewater Treatment Plant Bio-solids Land Application Facility project. The planned contract modification worth \$3,739,887 will allow the City to sell waste products collected at the facility to businesses that can use the product as fertilizer.

ENHANCING INFRASTRUCTURE: Public Service & Transportation Chair Shannon G. Hardin and Council President Andrew J. Ginther are sponsoring ordinance 2234-2015, which authorizes the city to enter into a contract with the Strawser Paving Co. for construction of sidewalks and other improvements. The \$412,659-project consists of building sidewalks on the east side of Fairwood Avenue between Moler and Deshler as well as stormwater improvements between Moler and Frebis, and other enhancements.

COAAA FUNDING: Recreation and Parks Committee chair Jaiza Page is sponsoring ordinance 2059-2015 to appropriate supplemental grant funds from the Ohio Department of Aging, Franklin County Office on Aging and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as administered by the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging to carry on various services for the rest of this year and next. The supplemental appropriation is \$11,750,489. COAAA provides meals, adult day care, transportation, home repair and legal services to approximately 40,000 older adults in Franklin, Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Licking, Madison Pickaway, and Union Counties.

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES: Health and Human Services Committee chair Priscilla R. Tyson is sponsoring ordinance 2219-2015 to authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a \$1,000,000 grant agreement with the Lutheran Social Services for the acquisition of a building located at 217 N. Grant Ave. The new site allows for the women's shelter, known as Nancy's Place, and the men's shelter to be located adjacent to the Faith Mission Client Services Center. Closer proximity of the two facilities creates greater efficiency for staff serving sheltered clients and promotes client convenience. Relocation of the two shelters allows for further redevelopment of the Long Street corridor.

COMBINED CHARITABLE CAMPAIGN: Council President Ginther and Administration Committee Chair Paley kick off the city's 23rd Combined Charitable Campaign which runs through Oct. 30. The campaign is a collaborative, citywide effort that encompasses all of city government. In the last 23 years, city employees have donated more than \$2.75 million through this effort.