



## COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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**NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS:** Public Utilities committee chair Zach M. Klein is sponsoring ordinance 1263-2015 to make improvements to the sanitary sewer system in a number of east side neighborhoods ([find map here](#)) in an effort to decrease flooding. The legislation authorizes the Director of Public Utilities to enter into a construction contract with Fields Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$1,444,917.60 for the Eastside Neighborhood Stormwater System Improvements Project. This project will provide drainage improvements to multiple neighborhoods in east Columbus along areas north and south of Livingston Avenue between S. High Street and McNaughten Road.

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:** Health and Human Services Committee chair Priscilla R. Tyson is sponsoring ordinance 1456-2015 to accept a \$1,072,888 grant from the Ohio Department of Health to fund the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant Program through June 30, 2016. The Public Health Emergency Preparedness program establishes the Franklin County and City of Columbus support network that would be required in the event of bioterrorism activity in the central region of the state of Ohio.

**BEST PRACTICES:** For the last five years, the Community Relations Commission has co-hosted with the United Way the Neighborhood Best Practices Conference. The Conference is designed to bring together community groups along with city, state, and county agencies to talk about “Best Practices” in their community addressing neighborhood issues. Ordinance 1409-2015, sponsored by Administration Committee Chair Eileen Y. Paley, will allow City Council to invest \$15,000 from the Public Safety Initiatives Fund to sponsor the conference that not only addresses challenges but enables community members from all over the city to network and build long lasting relationships empowering each other to continue making positive change in their neighborhood. The next Neighborhood Best Practices Conference will take place Saturday, Oct. 3, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at Columbus Downtown High School, 364 South 4<sup>th</sup> St.

**PAY COMMISSION:** The next meeting of the Citizens' Commission on Elected Official Compensation will be held Thursday, June 11, 4 p.m. in City Council Conference Room 225 in Columbus City Hall. The Commission, made up of five Columbus residents, adds an additional layer of citizen engagement and accountability to the process of setting future pay rates for elected officials in Columbus and was mandated by recent changes to the Columbus City Charter overwhelmingly approved by Columbus voters last November. The meeting will be taped for broadcast on CTV Columbus' cable access channel 3 on local cable systems.