



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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BATTLING NUISANCE MOTELS: Councilmember Zach Klein offers ordinance 1921-2015, which would enact a new section of city code entitled “Hotel/Motel operations” and would establish licensing requirements and regulations for hotels and motels operating in the city of Columbus. The specific request was to address problem hotels and motels, and the impact of repeated patterns of the occurrence of criminal nuisance activity surrounding their operations. Currently, Chapter 4071 regulates Nuisance Abatement; however, this chapter does not provide remedies for criminal nuisance abatement. The primary goal of this effort aims to support Columbus’ strong lodging industry, bring establishments into compliance with best safety practices, and update the code so that it can meet the needs of today’s lodging industry, all while preserving public safety. The City of Columbus is growing as a national travel and tourist destination. In addition to the needs of current and prospective convention visitors for safe and affordable lodging, there is demand for greater access to accommodations from residents and tourists.

ENHANCING TECHNOLOGY: Councilmember Fran Ryan is offering ordinance 2628-2015, which would authorize the Director of the Department of Technology to modify the contract with SHI International Corp (SHI) in order to establish year two of a three year contract for Dell Change Auditor software subscription renewal; and to authorize the expenditure of \$46,316.49 from the Department of Technology, Information Services Division, Internal Services Fund in connection with it. This ordinance represents the first of two allowable annual extensions. DoT uses Dell software to audit changes in the City’s technology environment, ensuring that the environment is secure from outside threats.