COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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BETTER HEALTH:  Since 1974, Columbus Public Health has provided primary health care services to the underserved through contracts with community-based health centers. Since 1998, Columbus Public Health has contracted with Columbus Neighborhood Health Center, Inc. (CNHC), a not-for-profit corporation, to provide primary health care services to medically indigent patients at various neighborhood health centers. Ordinance 0095-2015, sponsored by Health and Human Services Committee chair Priscilla R. Tyson, authorizes the Board of Health to enter into a contract with Columbus Neighborhood Health Center, Inc. to provide primary health care and dental services at community-based health centers for a total amount of $4,799,110.00 for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

SUPPORTING IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS: The Capital Crossroads Special Improvement District (SID) works with downtown property owners to create a clean, safe, welcoming environment for residents and visitors to the area. Businesses within a SID pay an addition tax in order to fund projects within its boundary. Small & Minority Business Development Committee chair Shannon G. Hardin is sponsoring ordinance 0016-2015 to return $1,900,000.00 collected from Capital Crossroads SID businesses.
LIVINGSTON PARK IMPROVEMENTS: The City of Columbus will partner with the Neighborhood Design Center (NDC) for the completion of a second streetcar themed public artwork for Livingston Park. Ordinance 0163-2015, sponsored by Development Committee chair Michelle M. Mills will allow the expenditure of $41,750.00 to support the NDC’s effort. The NDC has worked with the Livingston Park Area Commission, neighborhoods and Nationwide Children’s Hospital on this project. They have raised $10,750.00 in grant funds for the artwork.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY: Councilmember Jaiza N. Page will hold a public swearing-in ceremony today at 4 pm in City Council Chambers.

HONORING CCI: Councilmember Eileen Y. Paley, chair of the Administration Committee, is sponsoring resolution 0028X-2015 to congratulate CCI Engineering Services on their 30th year of business. CCI Engineering Services has been a successful City of Columbus Female Business Enterprise and has supplied the City of Columbus with high quality engineering services. They have also played a prominent role in establishing and growing engineering summer internship programs for disadvantaged and minority high school students.

GREEN ENERGY: Eco Smart Choice is a program allows Columbus power customers to pay a percentage of their bill towards the use of green energy. Ordinance 0050-2015, sponsored by Utilities Committee chair Zach M. Klein, allows the City of Columbus to set up a system that will easily keep track of these payments.