



## COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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**2015 Budget:** Finance Committee chair [Priscilla R. Tyson](#) is sponsoring ordinance 2620-2014, the 2015 City of Columbus Budget. With \$802,100 in carryover from 2014, Councilmember will be voting on a \$813,902,000 budget. Councilmembers have agreed to save the additional dollars in three Council funds designed to prioritize Council spending throughout the year: the Jobs Growth, Neighborhood Initiatives, and Public Safety Initiatives Funds.

**DIVISION OF FIRE TRAINING:** Safety Committee chair [Zach M. Klein](#) is sponsoring two ordinances that will lead to better trained fire fighters serving the public. Ordinance 0169-2015 authorizes the Director of Public Safety to enter into a contract with Columbus State Community College for the awarding of college credit to the Division of Fire personnel who have received and completed training from the Division's Training Academy. The agreement with Columbus State was authorized two years ago and awards college credit for recruits who complete course work at the Fire academy. It also waves enrollment and other fees for fire fighters. The second ordinance is 0099-2015 continues the city's distance learning project that allows fire fighters to update their training via computer network. This improves the readiness of the division while decreases overtime costs.

**APPS PROGRAMMING:** The Applications of Purpose, Pride and Success (APPS) program has been a successful community based anti-violence initiative started by Mayor Coleman. Ordinance 0273-2015, sponsored by Recreation and Parks Committee chair [Jaiza N. Page](#), will allow the City to enter into a \$325,000 contract with the Columbus Urban League to provide violence interruption and crisis response activities that include responding to specific gang-related confrontations, working to mediate and diffuse conflict tensions, and actively promote peace-building. Contractor shall maintain a 24-hour, 7-day-a-week schedule to respond to calls regarding gang-violence confrontations such as shootings, aggravated assaults, homicides, and other violent incidents.