



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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Celebrate One: Since November of 2013, a major public policy initiative of Council President [Andrew J. Ginther](#) has been the effort to lower the infant deaths in Columbus and Franklin County. Ordinance 0540-2015, in Councilmember [Priscilla R. Tyson](#)'s Health and Human Services Committee, provides \$496,312.00 in funding for Celebrate One, Columbus' effort to reduce the infant mortality rate. The goal of Celebrate One is to reduce the mortality rate by 40 percent and cut the rate of racial disparity in infant deaths in half. In 2013 in Franklin County, nearly 150 babies died before reaching the age of one, with black babies more than twice as likely as white babies to die before their first birthday.

SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM: Recreation and Parks Committee chair [Jaiza Page](#) is sponsoring 0451-2015 to allow the city to accept a grant from the Ohio Department of Education in the amount of \$2,400,000.00 for the 2015 Summer Food Program. The program provides nutritionally-balanced breakfasts, lunches and snacks to qualified children in need during the summer months. The program will serve approximately 190,000 breakfast meals, 340,000 lunch meals and 110,000 snacks. Thousands of children will be served through this program at 225 sites throughout the greater Columbus area.

FIGHTING SCRAP METAL THEFT: The City of Columbus is a state and national leader in reducing scrap metal theft. In fact, a recently passed state law was partially modeled after Columbus law that, in part, includes a daily reporting provision for scrap dealers to police can track scrap metal sellers. Ordinance 0108-2015, sponsored by Safety Committee Chair [Zack M. Klein](#), allows the Public Safety Director to enter into a new modification of the contract with Leads Online, LLC access to the company's Automated Scrap Materials and Used Goods Transaction Information Management System. This system allows for online electronic reporting for all pawnshop, secondhand and scrap metal dealers in Columbus and nationwide access to pawn/secondhand transaction information, report and searches. The company maintains records from all participants operating as licensed scrap metal facilities located in the continental United States and makes the information available to the Columbus Division of Police for investigative searches of stolen goods, especially scrap metal.

LEAD SAFE: Councilmember [Michelle M. Mills](#), chair of the Development Committee, is sponsoring three pieces of legislation designed to protect children and provide a safe home for families. Ordinances 0420 thru 0422-2015 allow the City of Columbus to contract with various public and private agencies to test hundreds of units in the Lead Safe Columbus Program. Lead Safe Columbus provides grants to qualified property owners in order to remove lead based hazards in owner and tenant occupied units.