STREET RESURFACING: The City of Columbus is investing more than $33 million in street resurfacing and repair projects this year. Ordinance 0644-2015, sponsored by Public Service & Transportation Committee chair Shannon G. Hardin, will allow the city to enter into a $12,019,918.00 contract with Strawser Paving Company, Inc. for work on 109 streets and the construction of 688 ADA curb ramps and replacement. Additional reconstruction projects will begin later in the year.

TURNOUT GEAR: Public Safety Committee chair Zach M. Klein knows that Columbus firefighters must have the best equipment possible in order to safely and efficiently do their jobs. That is why he is sponsoring ordinance 0102-2015 to purchase $250,000 worth of turnout gear. Turnout gear is the protective coats, boots, gloves, and helmets fire fighters wear when responding to an emergency situation.

SPECIALITY DOCKETS: The Franklin County Municipal Court operates a number of specialty dockets that aim to rehabilitate criminals by connecting them with treatment or services that will reduce recidivism and save taxpayer dollars during incarceration. Ordinance 0812-2015, sponsored by Judiciary and Court Administration Committee chair Eileen Y. Paley, transfers $340,000 into the court to operate five dockets that deal with drug and alcohol addiction, heroin addiction, mental health issues, the special needs of human trafficking victims and veterans.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: The Affordable Housing Trust for Columbus and Franklin County combines public and private funding through a variety of sources to support the development of housing within the City. Development Committee chair Michelle M. Mills is sponsoring ordinance 0844-2015 to provide the Housing Trust its annual contribution of the bed tax estimated at $1,544,000.

COMMUNITY MEETING: Council President Andrew J. Ginther reminds residents that the City Council will hold another in a series of community meetings Tuesday, March 31, at the
Whetstone Recreation Center from 5:30-7 pm. Residents have a chance to discuss any subject matter with Councilmembers and key City staff in an informal setting.

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