



## COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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**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 fire fighters 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.