



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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CAPITAL BUDGET: The Columbus City Council will vote on the 2015 Capital Budget this evening. Finance Committee chair [Priscilla R. Tyson](#) is sponsoring ordinance 0052X-2015. City Council is sponsoring more than \$4 million dollars in capital spending to directly impact the health and safety of residents in Columbus neighborhoods. Councilmember Tyson is proposing a \$400,000 investment for the James Johnson Driving Park Home Repair Program. The program is named after a late Driving Park community leader and assists residents in making essential home repairs.

NEW TASERS FOR POLICE: Public Safety Committee chair [Zach M. Klein](#) is sponsoring ordinance 0538-2015 to invest an additional \$250,000 for new and replacement Tasers, Taser cartridges, holsters and accessories for Columbus officers. The investment will ensure that more officers have a less-lethal option at their disposal when reacting to escalating safety situations where use of force is required.

SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS: Small and Minority Business Development Committee chair [Shannon G. Hardin](#) is sponsoring four pieces to create or reauthorize Special Improvement Districts (SID). Columbus currently has four SIDs: the Capital Crossroads SID, Discovery SID, Short North SID, and the Morse Road SID. Property owners within the boundary of the SID assess themselves an extra fee for services such as safety or trash removal that benefits the community. The University District SID will be created while the Discovery SID will be reauthorized. The legislation Councilmember Hardin is sponsoring is:

- 0639-2015 Reauthorized Discovery Special Improvement District: Petition And Articles Of Incorporation
- 0641-2015 University District Special Improvement District: Petition And Articles Of Incorporation

- 0060X-2015 Reauthorized Discovery Special Improvement District: Resolution To Accept The Plan Of Services
- 0061X-2015 University District Special Improvement District: Resolution To Accept The Plan Of Services

LAND BANK PROPERTIES: Development Committee chair [Michelle M. Mills](#) is sponsoring 0654-2013 to allow the City to contract with ten companies to provide maintenance services for City owned property in the Land Bank Program. Services include tree and debris removal, securing structures, removing graffiti and other work as is necessary.

COMMUNITY ARTS: [Jaiza N. Page](#), chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 0720-2015 to allow the City of Columbus to partner with the King Arts Complex for the Community Arts Projects. Funding for this program began in 1992 when the Community Arts Project began leasing the Garfield School from the Recreation and Parks Department. Since then, the entire community has benefited and continues to benefit from the cultural and performing arts programming offered at the school.

RESOLUTION ROUNDUP: [Councilmember Paley](#) will be presenting a resolution to recognize the King Arts Complex for their Youth Arts Education Program titled The Afterschool Arts Institute.