



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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NEW LADDER TRUCK: Safety Committee chair Zach Klein is sponsoring ordinance 0835-2015 to allow the City of Columbus to purchase a new, locally made ladder truck for the Division of Fire. The legislation authorizes the expenditure of \$1,199,768.19 to buy the truck from Sutphen Corporation in Dublin.

CelebrateOne: Health and Human Services Committee chair Priscilla R. Tyson is sponsoring ordinance 1781-2015 accept and appropriate \$710,500 in grant monies federal government to support the [CelebrateOne](#) initiative. CelebrateOne is the community's effort to reduce the infant mortality rate and improve birth outcomes for children.

BIKE FRIENDLY CITY: Public Service and Transportation Committee chair Shannon Hardin is sponsoring ordinance 1757-2015 to pave the way for the construction of new bike lanes in the urban core. The legislation calls for pavement markings including bike lanes and sign installations on Spring Street from Marconi Boulevard to Hamilton Avenue, on Long Street from Neil Avenue to Hamilton Avenue, and Ohio Avenue and Champion Avenue from Cole Street to Mount Vernon Avenue. In an effort to increase rider safety, queue boxes will be installed allow a cyclist to make a two-step L-shaped turn as an alternative to a conventional left turn with requires a cyclist to cross lanes to their left.

WOLFE BRIDGE REPAIRS: Recreation and Parks Committee chair Jaiza Page is sponsoring ordinance 1708-2015 to authorizes the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to enter into a \$40,000 contract with Glaus, Pyle, Schomer, Burns and DeHaven, Inc., doing business as GPD Associates, for emergency engineering services for the Wolfe Park Suspension Bridge. This work is required to prepare detail plans to replace the suspension cables, end anchorage systems, and various superstructure repairs after the suspension bridge began to sag this spring.

DAWG POUND COLUMBUS: The Cleveland Browns are bringing their Orange & Brown scrimmage to Ohio Stadium in August. The event was a sellout in just six hours. Ordinance 1666-2015, sponsored by Development Committee chair and Cleveland native Michelle M. Mills, makes it possible for Director of the Department of Development to enter into a \$25,000 contract with the Greater Columbus Sports Commission for the purpose of hosting the August 7 event that is expected to create \$600,000 in team and visitor spending for the community.

CELEBRATING THIRTY-ONE GIFTS: Council President Andrew J. Ginther is sponsoring resolution 0192X-2015 to recognize Thirty-One Gifts as they begin their 2015 national conference at Nationwide Arena. Thirty-One Gifts is a Columbus-based company that offers affordable and fashionable products for working women. Thirty-One Gifts was founded by CEO Cindy Monroe in 2003 and is one of the top 50 employers in central Ohio.

COUNCIL NOTES: Council President Ginther is also sponsoring a resolution to honor Northland High School student athlete Seth Towns on his academic and athletic achievements. And speaking of Northland, City Councilmembers will be holding another in a series of community meetings at the Gillie Senior Center, 2100 Morse Center Road, Tuesday, July 14 from 5:30-7 p.m.