



## **COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

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**CLEANING NEIGHBORHOODS:** While working in Columbus neighborhoods, it is essential that Code Enforcement Officers, Solid Waste Inspectors, and Environmental Blight Abatement personnel have reliable communication radios to safely coordinate and report activities. Ordinance 1014-2015, sponsored by Development Committee chair Michelle M. Mills, will allow the City to spend \$215,000 purchase 80 new digital radios with money in the Housing Preservation Bond Fund.

**NEW 5<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE BRIDGE:** The City of Columbus is partnering with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) to reconstruct the Fifth Avenue Bridge over the Scioto River. Ordinance 1143-2015, sponsored by Public Service & Transportation Committee chair Shannon G. Hardin, will allow the City to enter into a \$9,723,158.17 contract with Complete General Construction Company. Grants from the ODOT in the amount of \$2,495,333.70 and from MORPC for \$2,230,917.35 will help build a shared use path, sidewalk, curbs, curb ramps and other improvements to the bridge.

**FLU SEASON:** As Columbus moves into spring, the Columbus Health Department is getting ready for the next flu season. Ordinance 1012-2015, sponsored by Health and Human Services Committee chair Priscilla R. Tyson, authorizes the city to purchase \$57,000 worth of FluMist QIV Nasal Spray from Moore Medical, LLC that Columbus Public Health is eligible to purchase for the amount stated on the Public Health Entity agreement, which is the best pricing available in the State of Ohio for this vaccine.

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK:** Safety Committee chair Zach Klein is sponsoring a resolution to declare the week of May 3-9 Arson Prevention Week in Columbus. The goal of Arson Prevention Week is to focus on the importance of the collaborations between the public, Columbus Division of Fire, the justice system, and private sector to help reduce arson.

**HONORING KOMEN:** Councilmember Jaiza Page, chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee, is sponsoring a resolution honoring the 23rd annual Komen Columbus Race for the Cure taking

place on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. The money raised will be used to support local programs in Komen Columbus' 30-county service area, including education, breast health screening, and treatment; funds will also be used to support global research to find cures for breast cancer.

**COMPENSATION COMMISSION:** The Citizens' Commission on Elected Official Compensation will hold their fifth meeting Wednesday, May 6, at 10 am in City Council Chambers to study and recommend compensation levels for the mayor, council, city attorney, and auditor. This meeting will be a public hearing to accept comment on commission work and progress.