## THE CITY OF COLUMBUS

## **COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS** For Immediate Release: February 29, 2016

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**SCRAP METAL THEFT**: Councilmember <u>Mitchell J. Brown</u> is sponsoring ORD. 0271-2016 for the Department of Public Safety to continue a contract with Leads Online, LLC for access to the company's Automated Scrap Materials and Used Goods Transaction Information Management System. This system's online database assists in the recovery of stolen property and helps combat motor vehicle, auto part and various types of metal material theft because of their value as scrap metal.

**BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS:** Chair of the Public Service Committee, <u>Shannon Hardin</u> is supporting ordinance 0433-2016, which encompasses the replacement of the deck and structural steel and raise the structure of the South High Street Bridge. This project illustrates the City's continued collaborative efforts with the Ohio Department of Transportation to bring needed infrastructure upgrades to the City.

**WATER QUALITY**: Councilmember <u>Elizabeth Brown</u> is sponsoring ordinance 0118-2016 to provide funding and support for the Franklin County Greenways & Water Quality Program. The mission of the program is to foster better understanding of how waterways affect our environment and to provide better services to the City of Columbus in the form of better floodplain infrastructure and improved stream water quality.

**UPDATING WATER LINES**: Councilmember <u>Michael Stinziano</u> is supporting ordinance 0223-2016. This project includes replacing or rehabilitating approximately 12,825 linear feet of 6-inch and 8-inch water lines. Replacement of these water lines improves water service, decreases burden on water maintenance operations, and reduces water loss.

**SENIOR WELLNESS:** Councilmember <u>Jaiza Page</u> is sponsoring ordinance 0335-2016, which allows the Recreation and Parks Department to accept a grant in support of the 50+ Fitness programs. The department will purchase various pieces of fitness equipment and partner with other health and wellness organizations that educate our older citizens on maintaining healthy lifestyles to be in better positions to make sound choices in their lives.