



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL
Agenda Highlights for February 6, 2012

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TYSON RECOGNIZING BLACK HISTORY MONTH: Columbus City Councilmember [Priscilla R. Tyson](#) is sponsoring *resolution 0031X-2012* to recognize and celebrate Black History Month in Columbus and honor the Tuskegee Airmen and the work of the Ohio memorial Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. The Tuskegee Airmen were the first African-American pilots in the United States military who overcame segregation and prejudice and became one of the most highly respected fighter groups of World War II. The Ohio Memorial Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. provides scholarships to young people interested in aviation and continues to keep the legacy of the famed Tuskegee Airmen alive. Black History Month has been celebrated annually since 1976 and provides an opportunity for all the residents to reflect on how far our city, state, and nation have come in ensuring equality and fairness for all people.

CONTINUING THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE FORMER COLUMBUS COATED FABRICS SITE: The city of Columbus continues its promise to assist in the redevelopment the former Columbus Coated Fabrics site in the Weinland Park Neighborhood with housing, green space and improved roadways. Development Committee Chair [Zach M. Klein](#) is sponsoring ordinance 0205-2012 to authorize two Tax Increment Financing (TIF) agreements between the city and Wagenbrenner Development Inc. for the construction and financing of improvements within and around the tax increment financing areas to help create a more desirable area for prospective home and business owners.

MILLS PROTECTING VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: Public Safety & Judiciary Committee Chair [Michelle M. Mills](#) is sponsoring legislation to help witnesses and victims of domestic violence through legal assistance, counseling, referrals, and connection to other agencies and community resources. *Ordinance 0097-2012* will authorize the appropriation of matching funds in the amount of \$35,667.00 for the 2012 VAWA Domestic Violence Prosecutor Grant for the continued funding of the Domestic Violence Prosecutors program. The city was awarded \$107,000 in grant funding from the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, Office of Homeland Security and Justice Program, which required matching funds from the city.