



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL
Agenda Highlights for April 30, 2012

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PROVIDING TREATMENT SERVICES: Health, Housing & Human Services Committee Chair [Priscilla R. Tyson](#) is sponsoring legislation to enable the Health Department to continue providing alcohol and drug abuse counseling and prevention services to men, women, children and families and the homeless population. The Columbus Health Department has been awarded the 2012 grant service contract for the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Outpatient Program, Adult Prevention Services, Women's Project, C&A Prevention and the AOD/HIV Prevention Program. *Ordinance 0818-2012* will authorize The Columbus Health Department to accept a grant service contract in the amount of \$1,133,550.00, and authorize the total appropriation of \$1,483,074.00 which includes program revenues, from the Health Department Grants Fund to support the contract.

HONORING US TOGETHER, INC: Each year hundreds of immigrants and refugees arrive in central Ohio only to struggle with language barriers, health disparities and economic hardships. US Together, Inc. was created in 2003 to help provide the necessary services for refugees and immigrants to become acclimated to their community. Administration Committee Chair [Hearcel F. Craig](#) is sponsoring *resolution 0078X-2012* to honor and recognize US Together, Inc. for the extraordinary services they provide immigrant and refugee families. The organization helps initiate and coordinate services through education, advocacy, support services, and networking opportunities to help them become healthy, happy, productive residents of our great city.

KEEPING COLUMBUS DRINKING WATER CLEAN AND SAFE: The City of Columbus has three water treatment facilities that serve a 500 square mile service area including Columbus and numerous surrounding suburban communities. At the two surface plants, drinking water goes through an eight-stage, 24-hour treatment process that includes screening, coagulation & settling, softening, PH adjustment, filtration, taste and odor control, chlorination, fluoridation, and corrosion control. Public Utilities Committee Chair [Eileen Y. Paley](#) is introducing *ordinance 0791-2012* to authorize the expenditure of \$1,652,172.80 from the Water Works Enlargement Voted Bonds Fund for the Dublin Road Water Plant Miscellaneous Improvements – Flocculator Drive Rehabilitation Project. Flocculation is part of the water treatment process. The process removes solids by causing them to clump together so they can be removed. The project consists of rehabilitating flocculation equipment for each of the four flocculation basins at the Dublin Road Water Plant, which will improve the reliability of the original paddle wheel assemblies and drive shafts for the flocculation basins. Work shall include removal of existing flocculation equipment and installation of new paddle wheel assemblies and redwood baffles. The Columbus Division of Power and Water delivers approximately 140 million gallons of water a day to an estimated service area population of over 1,100,000.

ENSURING LOCAL WATERWAYS ARE SAFE: Many Columbus residents and visitors enjoy swimming and boating on local waterways during the summer months. Public Safety & Judiciary Committee Chair [Michelle M. Mills](#) is helping ensure these waterways remain safe by sponsoring legislation that will allow the Columbus Division of Police to patrol local waterways during peak seasonal use. *Ordinance 0862-2012* authorizes the Department of Public Safety to accept a grant award in the amount of \$25,468.09 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Watercraft, to pay overtime costs for the 2012 Marine Patrol unit. An appropriation of these funds is needed for sworn personnel overtime costs for the operation of a Marine Patrol Program.

