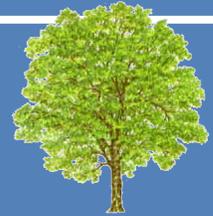




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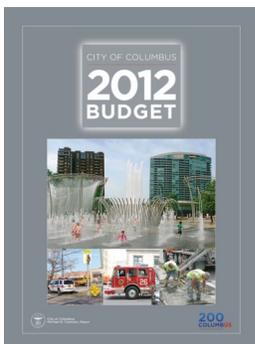
WELCOME...

December and January are very active months for Columbus City Council's Finance Committee, which I chair, as we consider the mayor's proposed 2012 general operating fund budget and seek public input on the priorities and plans it establishes.



The budget process begins in earnest early in the summer, when the city's departments develop their budgets around targets provided to them by the Department of Finance and Management. Later in the summer, the departments submit their budget proposals, and throughout September, the department directors and their staff meet with the Finance team to review the proposals. The Finance department then works with Mayor Coleman's office on budget recommendations for each department, and the mayor presents his general operating fund budget proposal to Columbus City Council no later than November 15. The total budget proposal may not exceed the city auditor's estimate of available resources for the coming year.

From there, the Council considers the mayor's budget through a series of meetings and public hearings. The Council committees hold their own public budget hearings throughout December, and the Finance Committee leads a public hearing at which residents may share comments or ask questions about the budget as a whole. In January, Council will hold another public hearing on budget amendments it plans to make, if any. Finally, after public input has been heard and careful consideration given to the entire proposal, Council will vote on the budget in late January or early February.



As Finance chair, I welcome any and all public feedback on the 2012 general operating fund budget proposal, which is available at www.columbus.gov. Please call us at (614) 645-2933 with any questions or comments, and please visit www.council.columbus.gov for updates and hearing schedules as the budget process moves forward.



Sponsored Legislation

2012 TAX BUDGET: Resolution 0234X-2011 adopted the city's 2012 tax budget, allowing Columbus to receive local government funds from the state. The tax budget also establishes the city's property tax rate. The rate will remain the same in 2012 and has not increased in over 56 years.

REVITALIZING THE SOUTH SIDE: Ordinance 1479-2011 authorized the city to obtain title to the property that formerly housed the South Side Settlement House. South Side Settlement has served the community for more than one hundred years, and their donation of the property will allow the organization and the city to move forward in service to the residents of the South Side.

JOBS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: The Arena District is one of the greatest success stories in the history of our city, and Nationwide Arena is its anchor. Ordinance 1596-2011 authorized the city to enter into a public-private partnership to preserve the arena – and thousands of jobs – for years to come.

PRESERVING PUBLIC BUILDINGS: Through a series of ordinances, Council preserved public assets by authorizing improvements at the Jerry Hammond Center and the city's Carolyn Avenue facility, and by accepting FEMA reimbursement for damages sustained at public facilities during the 2008 wind storm.

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File Number: 0002-2008			
Emergency			
File Number: 0002-2008	File Type: Ordinance	Status: Passed	
Version: 1	Controlling Body: Finance and Public Accounts		Introduced: 1/4/2008
File Name: Appropriation of \$3,366,184.50 from Fund 223 for supplies and services in 2008 and to declare an emergency.			
Requester: Zac & Paul Dieder	Contact: \$3,366,184.50	Final Action: 1/31/2008	
Auditor Civil #:	Auditor: When assigned as Auditor Certificate Holder 1, the City Auditor hereby certifies that there is in the treasury or receipts to cover the emergency, and are appropriated for any other purpose, the amount of money specified herein, to pay the within Ordinance.		
Contact Name/No.: Call Columbus 641-9428			
Floor Action (Clerk's Office Only)			
Mayor's Action		Council Action	
Mayor	Date	Date Passed/Adopted	President of Council
Vice	Date		City Clerk
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City Makes Progress on Savings, Efficiency

The Great Recession reduced municipal revenues across the country, and many communities cut basic services to the bone to balance their budgets. In 2009, Columbus voters approved the city's first income tax increase in twenty-seven years, keeping our community a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

City leaders committed to the taxpayers that we would save \$100-\$150 million by 2019 by implementing the recommendations of the Columbus Accountability Committee. On October 20, Councilmember Tyson held a hearing to discuss our progress. While there is work yet to be done, the city is on path to save more than \$200 million through 2019, as a result of pension and insurance reforms, increased energy and fleet efficiencies, and new contracts with our bargaining units.

Public Hearing on City of Columbus Accountability Committee
October 20, 2011

Third Quarter Review Important for 2011, 2012

On November 17, Councilmember Tyson held a public hearing to review the city's financial position at the end of the third quarter. Among the data:

- The city is on course to spend approximately \$9.5 million less than originally appropriated for 2011, largely through hiring controls and other savings throughout the city departments.
- Income tax receipts are up 6.7% from Q3 2010, and continue to outperform our 2011 estimates.
- While the auditor projects that income tax revenue will continue to increase in 2012, other revenue sources will remain flat or decrease.
- The general fund will carry over nearly \$32 million into 2012, which will help to offset declining revenue sources and maintain service levels.

The Department of Finance and Management's third-quarter financial review document is available for download at <http://finance.columbus.gov>.

Four-Ton Granite Boulder Anchors Eastmoor

In September, the Eastmoor Civic Association and Blockwatch unveiled their latest neighborhood beautification effort: a magnificent, four-ton granite boulder placed at E. Broad St. and Eastmoor Blvd.

The piece celebrates Eastmoor's founding in 1923 and replicates the original polo player sign from the polo field that was once located on what is now Virginia Lee Circle.

The boulder was unveiled at a celebration attended by many neighborhood residents, including Councilmember Tyson, who has lived in Eastmoor for _____ years. Also present were Councilmembers Michelle Mills and Eileen Paley, and state Senator Charleta Tavares.



The grant was made possible by the Columbus Foundation and PNC Bank, the United Way of Central Ohio, Bob Evans, and the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation.

Councilmember Tyson with fellow celebrants at the unveiling of the boulder.

Awards Recognize Contributions to the Arts

GCAC's annual Community Arts Partnership Awards honor businesses and people who give life to our city through their support and advancement of the arts.

Arts and culture are vital elements of a creative industry that generates some \$3 billion annually for our local economy. Artists, institutions, supportive businesses, and arts patrons make invaluable contributions to our city's quality of life.

This year's honorees included:

- Bettye Stull, Arts Educator Award
- Java Kitrick, Arts Partner Award
- Alex Bander, Emerging Arts Leader Award
- Brainstorm Media, Small Business Award
- Live Technologies, Medium Business Award
- American Electric Power, Large Business Award
- BalletMet & Shadowbox, Artistic Excellence Award



Councilmember Tyson (right) with Councilmember Eileen Paley and _____, _____ Business Award winner.

IMPACT Employment Plus Graduates Ready for Workforce

IMPACT Community Action provides many valuable services to our community, including emergency utility assistance, home weatherization, financial literacy, computer training, and a mobile medical unit. The organization's reach into our community is deep, and its impact is meaningful and lasting.

IMPACT CA's Employment Plus Program helps members of our community develop the skills they need to enter the workforce. In addition providing training, job coaches develop individual employability plans with participants and then work with them to find employment.

The program welcomes participants who have been incarcerated and are reintegrating into society. Finding a job can be particularly challenging for these individuals, and the Employment Plus Program provides them with the assistance that they need to navigate the challenges of the job market.

In September, Councilmember Tyson attended and spoke at the graduation ceremony for EPP participants. She saw firsthand how hard the graduates are working to contribute to our community, and she commended them for their perseverance and determination.

For more information on the Employment Plus Program, or IMPACT Community Action's other services, visit www.impactca.org or call (614) 252-2799.



Councilmember Tyson (left) with IMPACT staff and Employment Plus Program graduates at the graduation ceremony on September 23, 2011.



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Nationwide Children's Hospital Raises Awareness for Atrial Septic Defects

Atrial Septic Defect (ASD) is an uncommon but potentially serious congenital heart condition that occurs in children during fetal development. According to the Mayo Clinic, ASD is "a hole in the wall between the two upper chambers of your heart." If left untreated, ASD can have serious health consequences for children and adults.



This is a placeholder photo.

To raise awareness for ASD, Nationwide Children's Hospital invited Lauren Cheney, a star soccer forward for the US National Team and the Boston Breakers, to Columbus to share her experience with the condition.

Lauren had open heart surgery at the age of three to correct her ASD, and her success on the soccer field and in life is a testament to the importance of early detection and treatment. Attending the event were children from Livingston Elementary School and their parents.

Councilmember Tyson attended the event and presented Lauren and her mother, Rita, with certificates of recognition for their advocacy and awareness-building efforts.

NCBW Encourages Service, Leadership

The National Council of 100 Black Women, Inc., works on issues of vital importance to our community, including HIV/AIDS, reproductive health, leadership development for women of color, literacy, and employment. In September, Councilmember Tyson administered the oaths of office and membership for the Columbus Chapter of NCBW at their installation ceremony. She applauded members for their service to the community and encouraged them to continue their work on these important issues.



Councilmember Tyson (right) administers the oaths of office and membership at the NCBW Columbus Chapter's installation ceremony.

Finance Committee Meetings

Councilmember Tyson hosts a Finance Committee meeting every quarter. The dates for upcoming meetings are listed below. Unless otherwise noted, meetings will begin at 5:30pm in Council Chambers, located on the second floor of City Hall, 90 West Broad Street, in downtown Columbus.

We encourage the public to attend. A valid photo ID is needed to enter City Hall. If you would like to speak at the meeting, you must complete a speaker slip. The slips are available at City Hall from 8am to 5pm on the day of the meeting.

Upcoming meetings:

- December 15, 2011 — Hearing on proposed 2012 general fund budget (5p)
- January 19, 2011 — Hearing on budget amendments, if any

