



Council Highlights
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CIP/CIB: Columbus City Council President Pro Tem [Kevin L. Boyce](#) will announce the amendments to the Capital Improvements Plan and Budget at tonight's meeting. See media advisory for details.

NEW MOTORCYCLES FOR OFFICERS: Columbus City Council plans to provide new bikes for the Columbus Division of Police motorcycle unit with passage of Ordinance 0797-2007. The ordinance, sponsored by Safety Committee Chair [Andrew J. Ginther](#), authorizes the director of Finance and Management to accept the "lowest responsible, responsive and best" bid for nine fully equipped Harley Davidson motorcycles. The bid winner is Columbus based A.D. Farrow. The new motorcycles will be used to replace aging motorcycles in the fleet. Columbus currently has 22 motorcycles on the road.

PAY TO PARK OPTIONS: Parking in downtown Columbus may be a little easier in the future due to pilot programs that the City is considering. Ordinance 0754-2007 sponsored by Public Service & Transportation Committee Chair [Maryellen O'Shaughnessy](#) will direct the Public Service Department, Transportation Division to contract with four providers to launch two different pilot programs for parking meters later this year. The four firms, Cale Parking Systems, USA, Inc., Duncan Solutions, Inc., J.J. MacKay Meters Canada Limited, and Standard Parking will all provide materials, labor and equipment necessary to install the "Pay and Display" and "Pay by Space" meter systems. "Pay and Display" systems feature a kiosk where customers can purchase a ticket, which is displayed in their cars. A single kiosk can service dozens of cars. A "Pay by Space" system requires the driver to pay a meter that also services a large number of automobiles. The meters in the pilot program will be placed in the downtown and Short North areas. The cost of the program is \$15,000.00.



NEW APARTMENTS IN HISTORIC BUILDING: The City owned Deaf School Office Building, which is listed on both the Columbus and National Registers of Historic Places, is being sold to a developer. Ordinance 0775-2007 sponsored by Recreation and Parks Committee Chair [Priscilla Tyson](#) will authorize the City to sell the 82,800 square foot building along East Town Street to Campus Apartments. The company plans to convert the building into rental units with the aid of federal historic tax credits. The property

overlooks the Deaf School Park and Topiary Garden. The price of the sale is \$2.25 million. Capitol South Redevelopment Corporation, which has the leasehold interest in the building, will receive \$2,062,700.00, with the remaining amount going to the City.



RECOGNIZING A GREAT LEADER: Dr. Karen A. Holbrook became the 13th president of The Ohio State University on October 1, 2002. Since taking office, Dr. Holbrook has remained committed to OSU's vision of promoting highly innovative research and maintaining its reputation as an elite teaching university. As she prepares to retire at the end of June, Council President [Michael C. Mentel](#) is sponsoring resolution 0084X-2007 to recognize Dr. Holbrook for her dedicated service to The Ohio State University and to all the residents of Columbus.

COLUMBUS CONTINUES COMMITMENT TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT:

The foundation is being laid for the operation of the "JOBLeaders System," which will serve as a one-stop shop for employment issues in central Ohio. Workforce Development Committee Chair [Charleta Tavares](#) is sponsoring ordinance 0839-2007 to authorize the City of Columbus to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Franklin County, the Central Ohio Workforce Investment Board, and the Central Ohio One-Stop Partners. The MOU will assist in increasing efficient communication between elected officials, the workforce investment board, and the various partners in order to coordinate resources, prevent duplication of services, and ensure the most effective support of workforce services.



CITY COLLECTION COSTS: The Columbus City Attorney's Claims Division contracts with two outside firms with experience in governmental accounts receivables to help collect outstanding debt owed to the City. Ordinance 0742-2007 sponsored by Judiciary and Court Administration Chair [Hearcel Craig](#) will authorize the City Attorney to continue working with Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson LLP and Capital Recovery Systems, Inc. Both agencies collect money for City income tax and other fees, which include Emergency Medical Services. The companies are paid thirty percent on the first \$30,000 they recover for the City, and then ten percent of any additional money collected on individual claims. Since collection fees pay for the services, the City does not spend any money on the recovery contracts.