



**COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL**  
**Agenda Highlights for January 26, 2009**

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**2009 COUNCIL COMMITTEES:** A new year and new members bring new committee assignments to City Council. Councilmember A. Troy Miller has been assigned to chair the Administration Committee, helping to oversee operations in numerous city departments including Human Resources and the Department of Technology.

**COUNCIL PROMOTING SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT:** The Economic and Community Development Institute (ECDI) has been instrumental in stimulating the Columbus economy by providing small loans to start-up, newly established, and growing small businesses. Minority and Small Business Development Committee Chair [Hearcel F. Craig](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 0032-2009* to authorize the expenditure of \$100,000 for the administration of the ECDI's Microenterprise Revolving Loan program. ECDI has become a leader in the field of micro lending, providing microenterprise training to underserved populations including minorities, immigrants and low-income recipients.

**PROVIDING PROGRAMS FOR DISADVANTAGED YOUTH:** Each year the Recreation and Parks Department uses funds appropriated by City Council to provide opportunities for disadvantaged children to participate in certain fee-based programs. Recreation and Parks Committee Chair [Priscilla R. Tyson](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 0090-2009* to appropriate \$8,000 from the Private Leisure Assistance for Youth (PLAY) Fund for scholarships to pay the fees of these programs. In 2008, more than 5,100 children benefited from the PLAY fund.

**WEINLAND PARK TIF CONTINUES TO TAKE SHAPE:** City Councilmembers will take the next step in the redevelopment of a near north side neighborhood. Development Committee Chair [Andrew J. Ginther](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 1966-2008* which will accept the findings in the blight study performed in the Weinland Park neighborhood. The City and the Waggonbrenner Development, Inc. are looking to create a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district that will allow tax dollars to be funneled into infrastructure projects designed to create a more desirable area for prospective home and business owners.

**CITY AND COUNTY PARTNER AGAINST POLLUTION:** The Division of Refuse Collection will retain its solid waste inspector to handle solid waste investigations within Columbus and to continue assisting in a countywide anti-dumping/anti-litter program with the passage of *Ordinance 2011-2008*, sponsored by Public Service & Transportation Committee Chair [Hearcel F. Craig](#). The legislation authorizes the Director of Public Service to enter into a revenue contract for \$71,919 with the Franklin County Board of Health to administer this program for the period January 1 through December 31, 2009. This contract will cover the solid waste inspector's salary, benefits, insurance, and ancillary costs.



**WEAR RED DAY:** Cardiovascular disease remains the leading cause of death among women in the United States. Health, Housing & Human Services Committee Chair [Charleta B. Tavares](#) is sponsoring *resolution 0007X-2009* to declare February 6, 2009 as "Wear Red Day" in the city of Columbus. The American Heart Association's *Go Red For Women* campaign encourages women to take preventative measures to reduce their risk for cardiovascular disease and live longer, healthier lives. City Council hopes that many lives can be saved by helping increase the awareness of the risk factors associated with this devastating disease and encouraging actions to reduce them.

**INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS:** Utilities Committee Chair Eileen Paley is sponsoring legislation to continue work on three vital infrastructure projects.

*Ordinance 1892-2008* will modify a multi-year contract in the amount of \$1,227,541 to continue work on the Walnut Augmentation/Rickenbacker Interceptor Tunnel, Big Walnut/Outfall Augmentation Sewer Tunnel, and Air Quality Control Facility projects. This work is a planned continuation of the services originally included within the existing contract's scope of service. The original contract (*ordinance 1229-97*) allows the City to appropriate funds annually or on an as-needed basis depending upon the project's progress. This modification will fund services which are required including record plan drawing preparation as well as startup services for the Odor Control Facility and project closeout.

**CONTRACT MODIFICATION LOCKS IN ROCK SALT DISCOUNT:** The city will begin receiving a discount on its highway rock salt purchases with the passage of ordinance *0105-2009*, sponsored by Finance Committee Chair President [Michael C. Mentel](#). The city has negotiated to reduce the amount it pays per ton of highway rock salt by \$4.42 per ton to a fixed price of \$54 per ton in exchange for a guarantee to purchase 16,000 to 20,000 additional tons of rock salt prior to July 31, 2009.