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TYSON'S CORNER



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Every budget season, we come together as a city to determine our needs, evaluate our resources and prioritize our investments to ensure that taxpayer dollars are being spent in the most wise and efficient manner possible. And this budget season is no different. With invaluable input from our residents and community partners, the city in February passed the \$774 million 2013 General Fund Budget.



Our 2013 budget priorities speak to Council's ongoing commitment to strengthen Columbus neighborhoods through meaningful investments in public safety, economic development and job creation. We continue to demonstrate fiscal responsibility by investing in the city's Economic Stabilization Fund, or rainy day fund, meeting and surpassing the city's plan to restore the fund to \$50 million by 2014 and to grow the fund to \$75 million by 2018. Our investment in the Rainy Day Fund is an investment in our future, preparing for future economic downturns and strengthening the city's long-term financial foothold.

I look forward to continuing my work—with Mayor Coleman, my fellow councilmembers and our community partners—to improve the quality of life in our city and to better position Columbus as a premiere destination to live, work and raise a family.

Councilmember
Priscilla R. Tyson

Community Gardens Still Going Strong in Columbus



For the third consecutive year, Mayor Coleman, Councilmember Tyson and the Franklin County Commissioners have partnered with local organizations to offer grants for community gardens. Administered through The Columbus Foundation, the grants support new and existing gardens in the City of Columbus and throughout Franklin County, with awards up to \$4,000 per project for supplies and services.

"Columbus residents, businesses, and community groups are using these grants to grow gardens that promote healthy lifestyles and build

stronger neighborhoods," said Councilmember Tyson.

Community gardens improve nutritional offerings and reduce family food expenses while improving the quality of life of residents, providing vocational training and educational opportunities to students and creating a catalyst for neighborhood development.

Winners of the community garden grants will be announced at a celebration on April 22, 2013, at Franklin Park Conservatory.

Committee Assignments

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Sponsored Legislation

CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY: Ordinance 0124-2013 allowed Columbus Public Health to enter into a \$4,529,260 contract with Columbus Neighborhood Health Centers (CNHC) to offer primary care services to patients at CNHC's six area facilities. CNHC provide a crucial level of care and protection for our community's most vulnerable residents.

HELPING THE HOMELESS: The Community Shelter Board's Rebuilding Lives program is a two-pronged approach to ending homelessness and rebuilding lives. The first prong meets the short-term needs of homeless men and women through an improved safety net of emergency shelter. The second prong addresses long-term needs through the development and operation of permanent supportive housing. Councilmember Tyson sponsored two ordinances in support of the Shelter Board's Rebuilding Lives mission. The first, *0469-2013*, provides \$902,734 to support the Rebuilding Lives Program with the second, *0495-2013*, authorizing the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a contract with the Community Shelter Board for the Safety Net Program. The contract will provide \$3,022,304 from the General Fund for the purpose of continuing the city's support for homeless emergency shelters, the Maryhaven Engagement Center, related homeless shelter services, and homelessness prevention and transition services. These programs have effectively and efficiently enabled our community to help individuals and families who are homeless or near homelessness to resolve their housing crisis.



City of Columbus
Legislation Report

File Number: 0662-2008

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Emergency

File Number: 0662-2008	File Type: Ordinance	Status: Passed
Version: 1	Controlling Body: Patriciano and Patis Cozzano	Introduced: 1-4-2008
File Name: Appropriation of \$3,346,584.50 from Fund 223 for supplies and services in 2008 and to declare an emergency		
Requester: Rep. St. Patrick Dwyer	Cost: \$3,346,584.50	Final Action: 1-31-2008
Auditor Cert #:	Auditor: This request is Audited Certificate Number 1, the City Auditor hereby certifies that there is in the treasury or contingent to cover same the treasury, and not appropriated for any other purpose, the amount of money specified herein, to pay the notes Ordinance.	

Contact Name/No.: Call Center 645-8458
Floor Action (Clerk's Office Only)

Mayor's Action		Council Action	
Mayor: _____	Date: _____	Date Passed/Adopted: _____	President of Council: _____
Veto: _____	Date: _____	City Clerk: _____	

Title:
To authorize the appropriation of \$3,346,584.50 from the unappropriated balance of the Patriciano and Patis Special Purpose Fund to the Patriciano and Patis Department to continue purchasing supplies and providing services during 2008, and to declare an emergency: (\$3,346,584.50)

Sponsors: _____
Indices: _____
Attachments: _____

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Councilmember Tyson, Community Leaders Discuss Economic Impact of the Arts



Councilmember Tyson and fellow panelists Ann Fisher, Randy Cohen, and Michael Gonsiorowski at the February 13 Columbus Metropolitan Club luncheon.

On February 13, Councilmember Tyson joined a panel of experts to discuss the economic importance of the arts to Columbus and Central Ohio. She was joined on the panel by PNC Bank Regional President Michael Gonsiorowski and Randy Cohen, vice president of research and policy for Americans for the Arts, an organization that studies the economic impact of the arts on communities across the country.

"The arts are an engine for economic development in our community, supporting 8,500 jobs and spurring more than \$226 million in economic activity every year," said Councilmember Tyson. "As a city, we will continue to enhance our community's quality of life by supporting the arts at every opportunity."

The panel discussion was held at the weekly Columbus Metropolitan Club luncheon, with Ann Fisher of WOSU's *All Sides with Ann Fisher* serving as moderator.

Annual International Women's Day Celebration at the Ohio State House



L-R: Guadalupe Velasquez, Khadra Mohamed, Ohio Senator Charleta Tavares, Marian Ghedy, Congresswoman Joyce Beatty, Abdikhay Soofe and Councilmember Priscilla Tyson

Columbus is a welcoming and progressive home to thousands of immigrants, quickly becoming a global city of the future. New Americans have established rich and vibrant communities across central Ohio, all of which immeasurably contribute to the richness and diversity of our local culture. Along with their time-tested Columbus neighbors, our new residents are helping to make Columbus a better city.

Many of these immigrants are women, and on March 8, Councilmember Tyson spoke to attendees at the annual International Women's Day celebration at the Ohio Statehouse. She applauded the efforts of local women who champion political progress and inclusion in countries like Somalia, and stressed the need for women to achieve free and absolute access to all of the opportunities that the 21st century can and will provide.