

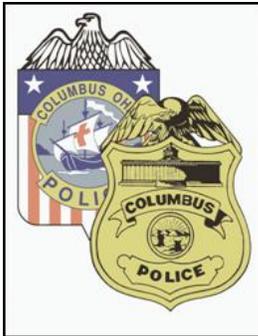


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**COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL:  
Agenda Highlight for September 17, 2007**

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**TECHNEGLAS CLEANUP & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** The transformation of a once thriving industrial site on the South Side continues as the City Council helps begin the industrial cleanup of the area. *Ordinance 1452-2007* sponsored by Development Chair [Maryellen O'Shaughnessy](#) will allow Council and the Development Department to accept a Clean Ohio grant worth \$3,000,000 for the Techneglas site. The facility at 707 Jenkins Avenue served as a major manufacturing site for more than 60 years before closing its doors in August 2004. A local developer and investors have purchased the site and plan to turn it into a mixed use complex with commercial and industrial space with the potential of creating more than 1,500 jobs. The clean up will focus on an area of a 1972 oil spill along with the removal of a small plant electric substation and buried rail spur.



**SEIZURE FUNDS HELP BUY NEW POLICE EQUIPMENT:** Thanks to the hard work of the men and women of the Columbus Division of Police, they will soon have new tools to use while protecting Columbus residents. *Ordinance 1404-2007* sponsored by Safety Committee Chair [Andrew J. Ginther](#) authorizes the Public Safety Department to spend \$1,693,514 from the Law Enforcement Contraband Seizure Fund. The money in the fund will be used to purchase a variety of police related items including video cameras and crime lab equipment. Funds received from seized and forfeited property must be used solely for law enforcement purposes.



**HELIPORT SALE:** The City of Columbus continues to redevelop the current Police Heliport site along Olentangy River Road. *Ordinance 1427-2007* sponsored by Finance Committee Chair President Pro Tem [Kevin L. Boyce](#) will authorize the Director Finance and Management to enter into negotiations with interested parties with respect to the sale of approximately 4.8 acres of land at the corner of Olentangy and Third Avenue. The Heliport sits on land that was once Gowdy field, a recreational area for decades that was turned into a landfill in the 1960's. Time Warner Cable recently opened its new mid-Ohio Division Headquarters at the Gowdy field site.

**SUPPORTING THE NEEDS OF FAMILIES:** Perinatal care is the key to providing children a healthy start in life. Tonight, Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee Chair [Charleta B. Tavares](#) will sponsor *ordinance 0815-2007* allowing perinatal care services to continue under the leadership of the *Child and Family Health Services Perinatal Program*. Last week, City Council authorized the acceptance of a grant from the Ohio Department of Health for \$150,000 to cover the anticipated fee revenues of the services. Tonight's ordinance will authorize The Ohio State University Research Foundation to continue providing perinatal care services to high-risk patients.



**PROMOTING COMMUNITY HEALTH:** Councilmember [Hearcel F. Craig](#) will pay homage to the request of Vicki Speakman by sponsoring the adoption of *resolution 0104X-2007*. In 2002, Mrs. Speakman lost her battle against breast cancer. During her fight she encouraged her family and friends to "*celebrate and take care of one another.*" Tonight's resolution will honor the memory of Mrs. Speakman and carry on her spirit by recognizing the sixth annual Celebrate! event being held September 22<sup>nd</sup> at COSI. The event's proceeds will be placed into the Vicki Speakman Memorial Fund which is focused supporting breast cancer awareness, education, and research.

**WHITTIER PENINSULA PLANS:** A portion the Whittier Peninsula south of downtown Columbus is already slated to become a Metro Park so all Columbus residents can enjoy the beauty of nature. *Ordinance 1353-2007* sponsored by Recreation and Parks Committee Chair [Priscilla R. Tyson](#) will authorize the expenditure of \$45,000 for professional planning services for the further development of the Whittier Peninsula not already set aside for the park. Some of the developments being planned include an "executive" length golf facility, a practice/teaching area, a "pitch and putt" level golf course, and numerous other active recreation venues.

**1111 EAST BROAD STREET DEDICATION:** This Wednesday, Council [President Michael C. Mentel](#) will take part in a dedication of 1111 E. Broad Street for former Columbus City Council President Jerry Hammond. The new *Jerry Hammond Center* will honor the significant accomplishments of our City's first African-American Council President. Mr. Hammond served on Columbus City Council for 16 years (1974-1990), including six years as council president. Council President Mentel's uncle, Charlie Mentel, served as President Pro-tem during Mr. Hammond's presidency. This ceremony will take place at 5:00 pm.