



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL
Agenda Highlights for November 12th 2007
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FIRE RECRUIT TRAINING: In order to remain the best trained Fire Division in the nation, the Columbus Division of Fire provides its recruits with the equipment and training materials they will need to learn vital life-saving fire fighting skills. Safety Committee Chair [Andrew J. Ginther](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 1706-2007* to authorize the transfer of \$145,285 to purchase fire recruit uniforms, training manuals and other safety gear for the

35 recruits that will begin training in December 2007. The recruits will undergo 32 weeks of intense field prep that includes 400 hours of basic fire training and 360 hours of basic emergency medical training.

IMPROVING NORTHLAND: The transformation of the former Northland Mall site along Morse Road continues. Development Chair [Maryellen O'Shaughnessy](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 1597-2007* (\$3.7 million) for construction costs related to the expansion of Tamarack Boulevard. Menard's, a Wisconsin-based, family-owned home improvement store, has announced plans to build a new store at Northland Village. The extension of Tamarack Boulevard will serve as the main access route to Menard's. New storm water pipes incorporated into the design plans for this project must be in place prior to further Morse Road construction.

ACTION PLANS IN PLACE: The City of Columbus is applying for federal grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to help improve the lives of local residents. Health, Housing and Human Services Chair [Charleta B. Tavares](#) is sponsoring *ordinances 1581-2007* and *1662-2007* to submit the Consolidated Plan and related Action plan to various federal agencies. The single submission to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) programs total \$17,289,370. This plan represents a continuing commitment to provide decent housing, suitable living environments and expanded economic opportunities for Columbus residents.

BUDGET TIME: Mayor Michael B. Coleman will be presenting his 2008 Columbus City budget Thursday, November 15, at 10:30 am. Finance Chair and President Pro Tem [Kevin L. Boyce](#) will soon be announcing a series of public meetings, giving City Councilmembers and Columbus citizens a chance to discuss the Administration's budget proposals. This is an excellent time for area residents to take part in the budgeting process, to shape a spending plan that reflects the priorities and goals of the Columbus community.



FIGHTING TRUANCY: Recognizing that truancy is often a gateway activity to more serious criminal

behavior, the Columbus Division of Police continues to work with various agencies to combat the problem. Administration Committee Chair [Priscilla R. Tyson](#) and Councilmember Tavares are sponsoring *ordinance 1840-2007* to authorize the Director of the Development Department to modify a Truancy Intervention Program contract with the YMCA of Central Ohio. The modification is a procedural step and has no fiscal impact. The YMCA works conjointly with the Columbus Public Schools to reduce truancy. Columbus Police officers who catch students skipping school transport the minors to designated truancy centers.

HELP FOR THE MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK: In order to run as efficiently as possible, Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk Lori M. Tyack and her staff need to mail various notices to interested parties. Judiciary and Court Administration Chair [Hearcel F. Craig](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 1687-2007* to allow the Municipal Court Clerk to enter into a contract with Ferrarelli, Inc. worth \$17,166 for the purchase of printed certified mail envelopes that are used for serving summons to defendants, garnishments to employers, bank attachments to financial institutions and other certified mail requests.



HONORING VETERANS: Council President [Michael C. Mentel](#) would like to remind all Columbus residents to remember our Veterans and to take time to thank the brave men and women who have worn our nation's uniforms.