



**COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL**  
**Agenda Highlights for November 26, 2007**

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**EMERGENCY FUNDING FOR FIVE HUMAN SERVICES AGENCIES:** Health, Housing and Human Services Committee Chair [Charleta B. Tavares](#) is sponsoring two pieces of legislation that will provide emergency grants to assist with the operating and capital needs of five social service agencies.

*Ordinance 1780-2007* will provide emergency grants to assist in operating the following services:

- Kaleidoscope Youth Center – **\$10,000** to operate a pre-packaged meal program to youth engaged in educational and social service activities on-site.
- Community Shelter Board – **\$60,000** to support the costs of the Homeless Management Information System as required by HUD to create a more comprehensive tracking, management and evaluation service for the Shelter Board, partner agencies and area funders.

*Ordinance 1884-2007* will provide capital assistance to the following social service agencies:

- Godman Guild – **\$42,938** for architectural fees and other construction costs needed to locate Modular Classrooms on site at 303 East 6th Avenue.
- LifeCare Alliance – **\$50,000** for expansion of kitchen operations and the purchase of essential equipment for the Meals on Wheels Program.
- Huckleberry House – **\$50,000** for the construction and renovation costs of an adjoining property at 1421 Hamlet Street for use as the new family counseling center.

The passage of these ordinances will help families and households through improved access to programs and services.

**SUPPORTING THE NEEDS OF SENIOR CITIZENS:** The Central Ohio Area on Aging and the Department of Recreation and Parks provide critical social and nutrition services to senior citizens in the Central Ohio area. Recreation and Parks Committee Chair [Priscilla R. Tyson](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 1605-2007* which will authorize the expenditure of \$5.75 million dollars from the Recreation and Parks Grant Fund to enter into service contracts with thirty-two community agencies, including *Meals on Wheels* and the *American Red Cross*. The service contracts will allow the agencies to provide

meals, adult day care, homemaker, personal care, transportation, home repair and legal services to eligible seniors for 2008. 40,000 individuals are expected to be served.

**KEEPING HOLIDAY MOTORISTS SAFE:** Columbus police will continue working hard to keep the highways safe this holiday season. Safety Committee Chair [Andrew J. Ginther](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 1808-2007* which will allow the City to make use of nearly \$100,000 in state funding received through the Traffic Overtime Enforcement Program for speed enforcement, to increase the use of seatbelts and child safety restraints, and to remove impaired drivers from the roadways during the holiday season. The funding will help cover some of the costs incurred by Police as a result of increase patrols.

**COMPLETE STREETS AND ROUTINE ACCOMMODATION MEETING:** *Complete Streets* policies encourage transportation planners and traffic engineers to consistently design streets with *all* users in mind. Public Service and Transportation Committee Chair [Maryellen O'Shaughnessy](#) will host a meeting to discuss the concept of Complete Streets this **Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, at 3:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.** Columbus City Engineer Randall J. Bowman and his staff will present to council members the status of the Transportation Division's Complete Streets Policy. The public is encouraged to attend.



**STREET LIGHTING PROJECTS RECEIVE**

**FUNDING:** Ornamental street lights not only make neighborhoods safer, they also add to the ambiance of a community. President Pro Tem [Kevin L. Boyce](#) is sponsoring *ordinances 1964-2007* and *1965-2007* to authorize the sale of special assessment bonds which will help provide funding for street lighting projects in Independence Village and the Maize/Morse area.

**MUNICIPAL COURT GOES DIGITAL:** Proceedings held before magistrates are recorded in order to preserve court room testimony. Judiciary and Court Administration Committee Chair [Hearcel F. Craig](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 1811-2007* to authorize the expenditure of \$60,000 from the Municipal Court Judges Computer Fund for the purchase of new digital recording systems. The current recording system used to document court room testimony is out-of-date and unreliable. The new recording systems will increase court room functionality and reduce maintenance costs.



**CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS WITH CITY COUNCIL!** Council President [Michael C. Mentel](#) and Councilmember Priscilla R. Tyson will address the Columbus community prior to this year's annual *Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony*. This year's event will celebrate the spirit of giving with "Empty bowls". For only \$10 guests can purchase a hot bowl of soup, take home a piece of art, and contribute to the fight against hunger. All proceeds will go to the Mid-Ohio Food Bank. *Please join Council President Mentel for the tree lighting event **in front of City Hall on Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m.***