



**COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL**  
**Agenda Highlights for December 10, 2007**

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**COUNCIL TO HEAR RESOLUTIONS OF OBJECTION:** Public Safety Committee Chair [Andrew J. Ginther](#) will sponsor 12 resolutions objecting to the renewal of certain liquor permits by the Ohio Department of Commerce Division of Liquor Control. The resolutions address liquor permit holders and establishments that have a documented record of liquor, code and health violations, criminal activity, excessive police runs and that have shown disregard for neighborhood safety. While City Council cannot revoke or deny the renewal of liquor permits, each year Council exercises its right to submit resolutions of objection to the Ohio Department of Commerce Division of Liquor Control for consideration during the annual review of liquor permit applications. The Division has the sole authority to grant a renewal.

**PROPERTY ROOM PROJECT UNDERWAY:** As the Columbus Division of Police continues to grow, providing the Division with adequate space to conduct police business is paramount. President Pro Tem [Kevin L. Boyce](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 2059-2007* which will authorize the City to enter into a \$400,000 contract for architectural and engineering services relative to the new Police Division property room project located at 724 Woodrow Avenue. The design will include 100,000 square feet of storage space, 10,000 square feet of auction area, space for felony vehicle storage, office space and walk in freezer space for DNA storage. The initial design work will focus on replacing the roof, securing the building envelope and replacing the building's HVAC systems. Once these tasks are completed, the remaining design work will begin.



**POLICE RECRUIT CLASS ON SCHEDULE:** With a new police recruit class set to begin training, applicant screening remains critical in ensuring the City is hiring the best men and women to protect Columbus citizens. Administration Committee Chair [Priscilla R. Tyson](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 2048-2007* which will modify a contract in the amount of \$12,500 to allow for psychological counseling for current

police officers as well as psychological screening for police officer applicants. This will include the screening of 50 police officer applicants set to begin training at the Police Academy on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

**SECURING THE EDNA BUILDING:** Health, Housing and Human Services Committee Chair [Charleta B. Tavares](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 2074-2007* which will allow the City to enter into a \$87,000 contract to secure the Edna Building as plans proceed to begin replacing the structure's roof. The RFP (request for proposals) Review Panel requested that the City perform basic renovations to the property before they review project proposals. This legislation will honor that request by allotting funds to remove the deteriorating roof and water-damaged floor as well as secure the windows and prepare drawings and specifications for replacing the roof.

**SCHOOLS TO RECEIVE \$1 MILLION ANNUALLY:** Home of the Columbus Blue Jackets and Columbus Destroyers, Nationwide Arena has become one of Columbus' most popular entertainment venues. Development Committee Chair [Maryellen O'Shaughnessy](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 2081-2007* which will authorize an amendment to the Arena Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) Agreement to resolve the issue surrounding the property's tax-value. The passage of this legislation will allow the Columbus School District to receive at least \$1 million dollars a year from Nationwide Arena. The final amount will be determined by the surcharge on ticket sales and half of Nationwide's employees' municipal income tax. If the value does not meet the agreed upon \$1 million, Nationwide Arena's owners will make up the difference.

**INVESTING IN THE SAFETY OF CITIZENS:** In conjunction with the City Attorney's Office, City Council is working to provide those who are victimized by stalkers the resources they need to put an end to this form of criminal harassment. Judiciary and Court Administration Committee Chair [Hearcel F. Craig](#) is sponsoring *ordinances 2089-2007* and *2090-2007* which will allow the City Attorney to retain a Stalking Investigator. The investigator will work with the City Attorney's Domestic Violence unit to assist in the investigation of stalking cases, assist victims, and fill the liaison role with municipal police departments by sharing information and maintaining data collection on stalking suspects. *Ordinance 2089-2007* will allow the City Attorney to accept a grant in the amount of \$56,000 to supply the funds necessary to retain the investigator. *Ordinance 2090-2007* will allow the City Attorney to enter into a \$50,505 contract for the services provided.

**AREA COMMISSION/CIVIC ASSOCIATION REPORT:** After months of discussion, community leaders are ready to share their final report on how to improve city services for Area Commissions and Civic Associations. Council President [Michael C. Mentel](#) and Development Committee Chair Maryellen O'Shaughnessy empanelled the Work Group in the spring, instructing them to look at all facets of the relationship between City Hall and Area Commissions and Civic Associations. On **Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.** in **City Council Chambers,** the group, led by Greater Hilltop Area Commission Chair Gary L. Baker II, will present their report to City Council and the public.