



**COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL**  
**Agenda Highlights for April 7, 2008**

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**BOLSTERING COLUMBUS' CREATIVE ECONOMY:** City Council continues to work with the community to strengthen Columbus' creative economy. President Pro Tem [Kevin L. Boyce](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 0442-2008* which will authorize the expenditure of \$700,000 from the Hotel/Motel Excise Tax Fund to contract with the Columbus Cultural Leadership Consortium. Formed in 2006, The Consortium brings organization and voice to Columbus' major cultural and artistic "anchor" institutions, with a focus on policy and strategy. Among its desired outcomes is the promotion of a significant differentiator for Columbus to contribute to the city's overall economic development.

**E-TICKET EXPANDS:** Due to the overwhelming success of the *E-Ticket* pilot project, Columbus City Council and the Columbus Division of Police are ready to expand the program. E-Ticket allows officers to electronically write a citation in less than 60 seconds, allowing the officer to increase their efficiency during a traffic stop. The information collected during the stop is automatically sent to the Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk's computer systems, enabling the immediate transfer of data between the Franklin County Municipal Court, the Franklin County Municipal Clerk's office, the Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation and the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. *Ordinance 0551-2008* sponsored by Safety Committee Chair [Andrew J. Ginther](#) will authorize the expenditure of \$65,000 to purchase software for 109 new police cruisers that will go into service this year. Legislation to purchase the hardware needed for the program will come before City Council in the coming weeks. Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk Lori M. Tyack will attend tonight's meeting to talk about the success of the *E-Ticket* program.

**FUNDING SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES:** The City of Columbus partners with a number of highly dedicated social service agencies that help thousands of Columbus residents. Health, Housing and Human Services Committee Chair [Charleta B. Tavares](#) is sponsoring two pieces of legislation that will provide funding for some three dozen Columbus groups as they work to meet the needs of their clients. *Ordinance 0518-2008* authorizes the Director of the Development Department to enter into contracts worth \$1,882,546. The legislation targets those social service agencies that will provide help to families and households through access to self-sufficiency, information and referral, services to new populations, school resources, health services, child care, legal assistance and material assistance. *Ordinance 0578-2008* also authorizes the Director of Development to release \$712,702 from the Emergency Human Services Fund. **[Click here](#) for a list of the agencies and amount of money each is receiving.**

**PASSPORT PROGRAM:** The Pre-Admission Screening System Providing Options and Resources Today (PASSPORT) program provides home care services as an alternative to nursing home admission for Medicaid eligible clients. *Ordinance 0541-2008* sponsored by Recreation and Parks Committee Chair [Priscilla R. Tyson](#) will authorize an appropriation of grant funds from the Ohio Department of Aging for the continued

operation of the PASSPORT program. Services include case management, adult day care, homemaker, meals, personal care, respite, transportation and emergency response. Approximately 4,100 clients are currently being served by Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging under the PASSPORT program. This legislation will authorize an appropriation of grant funds from the Ohio Department of Aging for the continued operation of the PASSPORT program for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

**U.S. 23 RE-SURFACING PROJECT:** Portions of U.S. Route 23 on the north side of Columbus will be undergoing a resurfacing project later this year. Public Service and Transportation Committee Chair [Maryellen O'Shaughnessy](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 0475-2008* that will authorize the Public Service Director to enter into a \$221,644 contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to repair and resurface 3.74 miles of Indianola Avenue, Morse Road and High Street. The money represents the city's portion of the cost of the project.

**SCRAM UNITS:** Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitor (SCRAM) devices provide a non-invasive way to monitor blood alcohol concentration automatically, 24 hours a day, regardless of an individual's location. Judiciary and Court Administration Committee Chair [Hearcel F. Craig](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 0557-2008* which authorizes the appropriation of \$28,500 to purchase 20 SCRAM devices. This amount reflects the anticipated expenses for fiscal year 2008 within the Franklin County Municipal Court's fund for Electronic Alcohol Monitoring.