



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL
Agenda Highlights for May June 2, 2008

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NEW EMS VEHICLES: The Columbus Division of Fire's ability to respond quickly and efficiently to emergency situations remains a top priority for Columbus City Council. Public Safety Committee Chair [Andrew J. Ginther](#) is sponsoring *Ordinance 0613-2008* which will authorize the expenditure of \$3,585,000 to purchase 17 new Emergency Medical Services (EMS) vehicles. This legislation will allow the Division of Fire to replace the aging EMS vehicles in its current fleet with new state-of-the-art vehicles, helping to ensure those on the front lines of medicine are equipped to provide lifesaving care to those in need.

Councilmember Ginther has invited Police Officers Scott Polgar and Josh McAlister and Firefighters Bill Hall and Mike Miles to Chambers to be recognized for helping save the lives of Police Officers John Gillis and Anthony Garrison who were wounded during a police drug raid on April 30, 2008. Councilmember Ginther will be joined by community leaders Linda Henry and Katie Radford to recognize the officers and firefighters.

COUNCIL SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON BICENTENNIAL BOND PACKAGE: Finance Committee Chair Council President Pro Tem [Kevin L. Boyce](#) will take part in the first of a series of community meetings being held to discuss the upcoming *2008 Voted Bicentennial Bond Package* that will go before voters this November. The first meeting will be held at the *Model Neighborhood Facility at 1393 East Broad Street, on Tuesday, June 3, 2008 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.* Council will hear from area commissions and civic associations and invites the public to participate in one of the most important bond packages in Columbus' history. The majority of the city's capital budget is authorized through the voted bond package and provides funding for infrastructure, public facilities, heavy equipment, and public improvements. Capital bond funds can not be used for operational expenses or hiring new staff, such as police officers or firefighters.

PROMOTING JOB GROWTH: City Council continues its efforts to attract organizations that will help bolster Columbus's economy and provide jobs for Columbus residents. *Ordinance 0838-2008*, sponsored by Development Committee Chair [Maryellen O'Shaughnessy](#), will allow the City to enter into a Jobs Growth Incentive Agreement with Nexergy, Inc. Nexergy began in 1974 and is the leading designer and manufacturer of custom battery packs and battery chargers that enable portable electronic products to be more dependable, smaller, and longer running. The company is proposing to invest approximately \$2.3 million to expand its corporate headquarters in Columbus, which would result in the retention of 135 employees and the creation of 75 new full-time positions.

ACCESSIBLE HEALTH CARE: Each year, the Women's Health Program in the Linden Neighborhood delivers essential health and wellness programs to hundreds of clients right in their own neighborhood. The program is located at 1390 Cleveland Avenue in the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) building and *Ordinance 0782-2008*, sponsored by Health, Housing & Human Services chair [Charleta B. Tavares](#), will renew the lease for the 2,904 square foot facility through June 30, 2009. The site's location allows women from the Linden Neighborhood to use the COTA bus system to access the critical health services the clinic provides.

ZOO DAYS AT COUNCIL: Some furry friends from the Columbus Zoo will visit Council Chambers to help promote the 2008 *Melvin B. Dodge Summer Zoo Days program*. Recreation and Parks Committee Chair [Priscilla R. Tyson](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 0697-2008* which will allow nearly 2,000 area children to enjoy Zoo Days this summer. Since 2004, approximately 6,000 youth from the greater Columbus area have taken part in the program, named after the former director of the Recreation and Parks Department. The Columbus Zoological Park Association will provide in-kind services in the amount of \$17,500.00 to be used toward transportation, novelties and admission for playground participants in 2008.

PROVIDING HI-TECH RESEARCH CAPABILITIES: The City Attorney's office works to make Columbus safe through the enforcement of city code and the prosecution of criminal offenders. Tonight, Judiciary and Court Administration Committee Chair [Hearcel F. Craig](#) is sponsoring legislation that will provide the City Attorney's Office with a powerful research tool that will allow them to continue delivering high-quality legal services to the community. *Ordinance 0901-2008* authorizes the City Attorney to enter into the second year of a two year contract with LexisNexis, a leading provider of on-line legal research resources. The electronic database will provide the City Attorney's Office with access to over five billion documents from more than 40,000 legal, news and business sources.

40 YEARS OF EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE: Council President [Michael C. Mentel](#) will recognize John Cianelli with *Resolution of Expression 0105X-2008* for providing 40 years of outstanding service to the citizens of Columbus. John's career with the City began in the summer of 1967 as a seasonal employee for Engineering and Construction in the Department of Public Service. During his tenure, Mr. Cianelli has served in a variety of roles from Assistant Control Center Manager at the Water Distribution Control Center to President of CMAGE/CWA Local 4502. City Council expresses its gratitude for the many years of dedicated service John has provided and wishes him well in his retirement.