



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

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COUNCIL TAKING FORMAL STEPS FOR VOTED BOND PACKAGE: City Council will take the first formal step in presenting the 2008 Voted Bond Package to voters as Finance Committee Chair [Kevin L. Boyce](#) sponsors a number of resolutions of necessity this evening. Each resolution declares the need to issue bonds in a specific amount for the separate ballot initiatives that comprise the \$1.66 billion package:

- *Resolution 0126X-2008* for safety and health issues.
- *Resolution 0127X-2008* for streets and highway improvements.
- *Resolution 0128X-2008* for water improvements.
- *Resolution 0129X-2008* for refuse collection.
- *Resolution 0130X-2008* for sanitary sewer improvements.
- *Resolution 0131X-2008* for recreation and parks projects.

HELPING VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: Judiciary and Court Administration Committee Chair [Hearcel F. Craig](#) is sponsoring legislation to help victims of domestic violence break the cycle of abuse. *Ordinance 0995-2008* authorizes the City to enter into a contract with the Columbus Coalition Against Family Violence, a non-profit organization focused on building community efforts to prevent family violence.

Councilmember Craig is also sponsoring *Resolution 0136X-2008* to recognize Brian Robiskie as Ohio State's first-ever finalist for the national Arthur Ashe Sports Scholar of the Year award. Councilmember Craig will present the resolution to Mr. Robiskie at tonight's Council meeting.

TYSON CONTINUES HER SUPPORT OF PARK IMPROVEMENTS: Since becoming Chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee, [Priscilla R. Tyson](#) has made it her priority to help ensure the safety and stability of area parks for those who use Columbus' green spaces. Tyson is sponsoring *Ordinance 1011-2008* to accept a grant and enter into agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service to remove invasive plant species within Wolfe and Nelson Parks and plant native vegetation along the banks of Alum Creek. The Friends of Alum Creek Tributaries (FACT) will be partnering with the Recreation and Parks Department to implement the plantings to secure the bank and to remove the invasive plants within the forested buffer along Alum Creek.

PROVIDING EMERGENCY HUMAN SERVICES FUNDING: Health, Housing and Human Services Committee Chair [Charleta B. Tavares](#) is sponsoring two ordinances that will provide Emergency Human Services funding for area social service agencies that continue to provide essential programs to Columbus residents.

- *Ordinance 1055-2008* will assist two local groups with operating expenses:
 - Eldon Ward Family YMCA, for \$25,000 to provide health, wellness and fitness programming at the facility.
 - Girls Incorporated of Central Ohio, for \$30,964 to provide health and wellness programs, substance abuse prevention services, youth leadership and development and educational enrichment programs.
- *Ordinance 1056-2008* will assist four local groups with capital expenses:
 - Columbus Urban League, for \$50,000 for safety and security measures and facility upgrades at the Mt. Vernon and three Headstart Centers.
 - Neighborhood House, Inc., for \$7,196.48 for the installation of a fire alarm system and plumbing repairs at the childcare facility at 940 Caldwell Place.
 - Stonewall Columbus, Inc., for \$33,500 for rehabilitation and repair of the facility at 1160 N. High Street.
 - Huckleberry House, for \$50,000 for the renovation and construction costs of the facility at 1435 Hamlet.

****The Transportation and Pedestrian Commission will hold a public hearing Thursday, July 10, 2008 at 3:30 PM at 109 Front Street. The topics will include discussion on a proposed youth safety helmet requirement and other associated changes to Columbus Traffic Code.****

NEIGHBORHOOD FRIENDLY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS: *Ordinance 0861-2008*, sponsored by Public Service and Transportation Committee Chair [Maryellen O'Shaughnessy](#), will fund the first steps of the 2008 traffic calming program. The Weinland Park Community Mobility Plan will enhance pedestrian safety and neighborhood livability.

**** Councilmember O'Shaughnessy will host officials from the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), Tuesday, July 8, 2008 at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers. This is the second meeting in a series of four held by O'Shaughnessy to discuss regional transportation goals and plans.****

LIQUOR OBJECTION PROCESS UNDERWAY: City Council and City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer's office have initiated the annual process by which Columbus formally objects to the renewal of liquor permits held by problem establishments. The process requires Columbus City Council to submit a resolution specifying the reasons for the objections to the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control. Public Safety Committee Chair [Andrew J. Ginther](#) will discuss the process during this evening's meeting and explain the process for Area Commissions, Civic Associations, Block Watches and other neighborhood groups to assist in identifying problematic liquor establishments.