



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL
Agenda Highlights for July 14, 2008

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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN MOVES FORWARD: The Capital Improvement Plan provides a blueprint of the City's short and long term plans to invest in major projects, including everything from purchasing new fire trucks to rebuilding sidewalks. Tonight, City Council Finance Chair [Kevin L. Boyce](#) will move for the adoption of *Resolution 0113X-2008* to accept the 2008-2013 Capital Improvements Plan. City Council will also consider adopting the resolutions to proceed (*Resolutions 0140X – 0145X-2008*) on the bond issues the public will consider this November.

BUILDING A HEALTHIER COLUMBUS: Columbus residents hoping to build an active and healthier community will be getting help from a new initiative supported by Columbus City Council. *Ordinance 1210-2008*, sponsored by Health, Housing & Human Services Chair [Charleta B. Tavares](#), creates the Foundation for Active Living, a fund to be established at the Columbus Foundation by the City of Columbus to accept corporate and private donations to benefit Columbus Public Health and their Institute for Active Living project. The Institute for Active Living aims to lower the incidence of disease as a result of obesity and a sedentary lifestyle by implementing strategies to make Columbus a more active, vibrant place to live.

KRUMM PARK IMPROVEMENTS: Krumm Park on Alton Avenue on Columbus' East Side offers a wide range of recreational opportunities for area residents to enjoy. *Ordinance 1169-2008*, sponsored by Recreation and Parks Committee Chair [Priscilla R. Tyson](#), will authorize the expenditure of \$143,202 from the 1999/2004 Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund to hire Builderscape, Inc. to make significant improvements to the park. In addition to constructing an entrance canopy and improved drainage system, the project calls for a new inline skating hockey rink and the installation of pervious concrete (an environmentally friendly product that will reduce run-off) pavement.

NEW SECURITY CAMERAS FOR POLICE: In an effort to increase public safety and outfit the Columbus Division of Police with additional tools to protect the public, Public Safety Committee Chair [Andrew J. Ginther](#) is sponsoring *Ordinance 0963-2008* which authorizes the Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter into contract with ICX Tactical Platforms Corporation for the purchase of two Skywatch Surveillance Camera Platforms. The mobile, elevated cameras are designed for use during large gatherings such as Ohio State University football games or large downtown festivals. The cameras would act as force multipliers, increasing the capability of the Columbus Division of Police to maintain safety. The units can function in a manned or unmanned capacity and will communicate with existing video sources currently in use by the Division of Police, such as the helicopter units. \$243,827 will be spent from the Safety Voted Bond Fund to pay for the new cameras

PROTECTING CONSUMERS: Helping Columbus families avoid the cycle of debt and financial despair, Minority and Small Business Development Committee Chair [Hearcel F. Craig](#) is sponsoring *Resolution 0139X-2008*, to support Ohio Treasurer of State Richard Cordray's effort to protect consumers from unfair abusive practices by the credit card industry. The resolution urges the National Credit Union Administration, the Federal Reserve Board and the Office of Thrift Supervision to adopt the reforms proposed for the Federal Trade Commission Act, Truth in Savings Act, and Truth in Lending Act. Treasurer Cordray will speak during the Council meeting to emphasize the importance of passing these types of consumer protection measures.

PROMOTING JOB GROWTH: A nationally recognized leader in the farm implement and home lawn care industry is moving their administrative support operations to Columbus. JD Equipment, Inc., founded in Plain City in 1982 and currently headquartered in London, is expanding their administrative offices by purchasing and renovating a building and adjacent land at Wilson Road and I-70. Development Chair [Maryellen O'Shaughnessy](#) is sponsoring *Ordinance 1209-2008* to authorize the Director of Development to enter into a Jobs Growth Incentive agreement with JD Equipment, Inc., equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount of new income tax withheld on employees for a term of five (5) years. JD Equipment Inc. will relocate/retain 17 full-time employees with an annual payroll of \$800,000 and create 23 new permanent full-time positions with an annual payroll of \$902,000. Total new payroll to Columbus will be \$1,702,000.

MENTEL WELCOMES INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION: Columbus City Council President [Michael C. Mentel](#) welcomes a delegation of governmental and business leaders from Vietnam to tonight's City Council meeting. The group is touring the U.S. on a trade mission that includes visits to Columbus, Chicago and New York. The group is interested in developing business relations between U.S. and Vietnamese companies and learning more about how democratic municipal governments function.