



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL
Agenda Highlights for September 15, 2008

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NEW ADDITIONS TO SNOW FLEET:

Continuing to prepare the City's snow fleet for the upcoming winter season, Public Service Committee Chair [Maryellen O'Shaughnessy](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 1364-2008* to purchase 10 new snow plows and 10 salt spreaders for the Transportation Division. The new plows and spreaders will be installed on one-ton pick-up trucks that are currently used for

other purposes throughout the year. As a part of the 2007/2008 Snow and Ice Removal Plan, the City identified the need for more snow and ice removal equipment to clear residential streets. These new plows and spreaders will help meet the service standard for snow removal in neighborhoods after snow events involving more than four inches of accumulation.

POLICE CRUISER UPGRADES: Public Safety Committee Chair [Andrew J. Ginther](#) is sponsoring legislation that will allow the Division of Police to upgrade police cruiser computers and outfit other police agencies within the metropolitan area. *Ordinance 1328-2008* will authorize the expenditure of \$2,005,603.64 to purchase 363 Panasonic Toughbook computers and 250 sets of mounts for police field use. The Division of Police has already installed over 109 of these computers in its current fleet and has standardized training procedures in place to train officers on the new equipment.

TYSON CONTINUES SUPPORTING SENIORS: Recreation and Parks Committee Chair [Priscilla R. Tyson](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 1319-2008* to provide \$72,452 for the Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition program. This program is a collaborative effort between Columbus and the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging to provide health and wellness opportunities for senior citizens. This legislation will provide program participants with vouchers up to \$50 in value, which can be redeemed at various farmers' market locations throughout Columbus.

BOYCE SWEARS IN 2009 YOUTH COMMISSIONERS: The newest members of the Columbus Youth Commission will be sworn in by President Pro Tem [Kevin L. Boyce](#) during tonight's Council Meeting. As the official voice of young people in city government, the Youth Commission advises City Council and the Mayor on issues that are important to their generation. The group also plans educational and civic events. Councilmember Boyce sponsored legislation to establish the Columbus Youth Commission in 2001.



TAVARES RAISING AWARENESS OF OVARIAN CANCER: Ovarian cancer ranks as the fifth leading cause of cancer death among women. To help raise awareness of this life-threatening disease, Health, Housing and Human Services Committee Chair [Charleta B. Tavares](#) is sponsoring *resolution 0167X-2008*, to recognize September as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Columbus. Before it has spread beyond the ovaries, ovarian cancer is treatable

and at this stage the 5-year survival rate can be as high as 95%. Increased awareness of the symptoms and risk factors of ovarian cancer can enhance chances of early detection and survival from the disease. The National Ovarian Cancer Coalition and its chapters work throughout the year to promote patient, public, and professional education, peer-to-peer emotional support, and advocacy and awareness efforts. Councilmember Tavares will ask for remarks from the coalition to help educate the community on how they can protect themselves and their loved ones from this deadly disease.

CRAIG SUPPORTING COST-SAVING CONTRACT: Judiciary and Court Administration Committee Chair [Hearcel F. Craig](#) is sponsoring legislation that will allow the Franklin County Municipal Court to recover bond forfeiture fees at no cost to the community. *Ordinance 1331-2008* authorizes the Municipal Court Clerk to enter into the second year of a three-year contract for the provision of collection services for the Municipal Court Clerk's bond forfeiture judgments. The contract is written to be self-funding by requiring the collection charge to be added to the total debt, eliminating any costs to the City of Columbus for this service.

MENTEL WELCOMES NEW OHIO DOMINICAN PRESIDENT: Council President [Michael C. Mentel](#) has been invited to help install the next president of Ohio Dominican University, Dr. Brian P. Nedwek, on Thursday, September 25. Situated in the heart of Columbus, Ohio Dominican is respected throughout the community as a rigorous academic institution. Ohio Dominican also has been a strong supporter of the Columbus community throughout its rich cultural history and is well-known for providing opportunities for its students to participate in community service activities.