



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL
Agenda Highlights for November 3, 2008

For More Information:
John Ivanic, Communications Director
(614) 645-6798

O'SHAUGHNESSY SUPPORTING AREA COMMISSIONS: City Council relies on area commissions and civic associations to provide them with information on the issues that are impacting the community. Development Committee Chair [Maryellen O'Shaughnessy](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 1674-2008* which will authorize the expenditure of \$1,500 to assist the three new area commissions established in July with various operational expenses through the remainder of 2008.

COUNCIL AND COUNTY STANDING AGAINST FORECLOSURE CRISIS: Judiciary and Court Administration Committee Chair [Hearcel F. Craig](#) is sponsoring legislation that will aid Columbus residents who are facing a home foreclosure. *Ordinance 1678-08* appropriates \$540,000 for the Franklin County Foreclosure Mediation Project. This program is designed to help homeowners facing foreclosure to meet with their lender to work out a solution. One of the unique aspects of this project is that the service is available before a homeowner is in a state of foreclosure, which can help them avoid expensive litigation proceedings and prevent the homeowner from losing their home. Councilmember Charleta B. Tavares is co-sponsoring this legislation.



TYSON WORKING TO ENHANCE SECURITY AT REC CENTERS: Recreation and Parks Committee Chair [Priscilla R. Tyson](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 1438-2008* which will allow for the installation of security cameras at 12 Rec Center locations. The locations include Holton, Linden, Krumm, Blackburn, Sullivant, Douglass, Sawyer, Howard, Beatty, Woodward, Barrack, and Barnett recreation centers. The city's long-term goal is to install security cameras at all of Columbus' recreational centers. Councilmember Tyson supported this initiative through her 2007 amendments to the Capital Improvements Budget.

HEART HEALTHY COLUMBUS: According to the Columbus Health Department (CHD), heart disease is the number one cause of death in Franklin County. A major mission of the CHD is to lower the incidences of cardiovascular health problems in Columbus residents. *Ordinance 1630-2008*, sponsored by Health, Housing and Human Services Chair [Charleta B. Tavares](#), accepts a \$10,000 grant from the Reinberger Foundation to continue the Cardiovascular Healthy Heart program. The money will be used to fund a marketing campaign that will address the six risk factors associated with cardiovascular disease. The risk factors include:

- Poor nutrition
- High blood pressure
- Diabetes
- High cholesterol
- Lack of physical activity
- Tobacco use

Since its beginning in 1970, the Cleveland based Reinberger Foundation has provided more than \$81,000,000 in funding support to various community organizations.

On Wednesday, November 5, 2008 the Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee will host Barb Poppe and the Community Shelter Board who will report on the current homeless situation in Central Ohio. The meeting will be held in City Council Chambers and will begin at 5:30 PM.



CITY AND OSU PARTNERING TO DEVELOP GREEN INNOVATIONS:

The Ohio State University Center for Resilience is dedicated to making industrial systems more green and eco-friendly. The institution has developed an extensive network of engineers, scientists, and business scholars at the Ohio State University and collaborating institutions, leveraging over \$20 million dollars in ongoing research programs. *Ordinance 1578-2008*, sponsored by Utilities Committee Chair [Andrew J. Ginther](#), will allow the city to become an active member in the center's research. The immediate focus of the partnership will be the evaluation of the city's alternatives in disposing of its wastewater treatment sludge. The program will provide the city with the capability of assessing the ecological and economic trade-offs of alternative operating policies and technology choices to help reduce the cost of sludge treatment.

ASSISTING TAX PAYERS: President Pro Tem [Kevin L. Boyce](#) is sponsoring legislation that will provide Columbus residents the personalized income tax forms they need to file their 2008 taxes in an efficient, timely manner. *Ordinance 1713-2008* authorizes the city to enter into a \$47,130 contract for the printing of the tax forms. The forms are used for individual and corporate tax returns and are vital to the city's operations.

HONORING OUR VETERANS: Council President [Michael C. Mentel](#) encourages the community to celebrate the service of our nation's veterans by participating in The City of Columbus' annual Veterans Day Ceremony and Parade on November 7, 2008 at 12:00 PM at Nationwide Plaza. The opening ceremony will be held at 10:30 AM at City Hall. One of the best ways to show respect for the sacrifice of our veterans is to vote on Tuesday, November 4, 2008. An important component of this year's ballot is the 2008 bond package. Columbus voters can help save the city nearly \$30 million and create thousands of new jobs if they choose to vote FOR Issues 14–19.