



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL
Agenda Highlights for December 8, 2008

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UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 8, 2008:

- *JUDICIARY AND COURT ADMINISTRATION BUDGET HEARING* – Councilmember [Hearcel F. Craig](#), chair of the Judiciary and Court Administration Committee responsible for legislation regarding the City Attorney's Office as well as the Municipal Court Judges and Municipal Court Clerk, will host a public meeting on Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. Craig will hear from Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk Lori M. Tyack, City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr., and representatives from the Department of Public Safety on each department's respective budget requests for 2009. Speaker slips will be accepted until 3:30 p.m.
- *2009 BUDGET PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION* – Finance Committee Chair [Kevin L. Boyce](#) will host a public hearing exclusively dedicated to receiving community input on the proposed 2009 Budget on Tuesday, December 9, 2008 beginning at 5:30 p.m. Speaker slips will be accepted from 8:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. and will be heard based upon the order in which they are received. Those who wish to testify before Council may fill out a speaker slip at the security station located inside the Front Street entrance to City Hall. Free parking is available after 5:00 p.m. in the City Hall surface lot at Gay and Front Streets. I.D. is required to enter the building. Residents will have an additional opportunity to provide public testimony on the 2009 Budget on Tuesday, December 16, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.
- *HEALTH, HOUSING & HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET HEARING* – Councilmember [Charleta B. Tavares](#), chair of the Health, Housing & Human Services Committee, will hold a budget briefing on Wednesday, December 10, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers. The hearing will feature presentations from the Department of Development and Columbus Public Health. Councilmember Tavares will also entertain comments from local social services agencies and the general public. Speaker slips will be accepted until 5:00 p.m.
- *ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE HEARING* – Councilmember [Priscilla R. Tyson](#), chair of City Council's Administration Committee that oversees operations of the Columbus Community Relations Office, will host a public hearing on updates to Columbus' Civil Rights Code. The proposed changes to the code will more clearly define Columbus as a national leader in the preservation of human rights and expansion of respect for all individuals. The meeting will take place Thursday, December 11, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. Speaker slips will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. and will be limited to six individuals.
- *PUBLIC SERVICE & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE BUDGET HEARING*: Public Service & Transportation Committee Chair [Maryellen O'Shaughnessy](#) will host a budget hearing to discuss items related to Public Service on Thursday, December 11, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. Speaker slips will be accepted until 2:30 p.m. Councilmember O'Shaughnessy is also hosting a briefing to review budget items related the Planning Division & Historic Preservation Office on Thursday, December 11, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. Speaker slips for this meeting will be accepted until 6:00 p.m.

TYSON RECOGNIZING COLUMBUS CREW: Recreation and Parks Committee Chair [Priscilla R. Tyson](#) is sponsoring *Resolution 0219X-2008*, in recognition of the Columbus Crew's victory at the 2008 Major League Soccer Cup Championship. The Columbus Crew completed an impressive 30 game season with 17 wins, including a nine game winning streak, and finished off the season with an incredible 3-1 MLS Cup Championship victory over the New York Red Bulls. Council will also thank the Crew for their charitable contributions to the Kicks for Kids program as well as their partnerships with programs such as Soccer Aid, ColumbusReads, Keep Columbus Beautiful, and Youth to Youth International's "Just Say No" March & Rally.

COUNCIL HONORING JERRY BORIN: City Council will recognize the outstanding leadership displayed by Jerry Borin during his 23-year tenure as the Executive Director of the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium with *Resolution 0240X-2008*, sponsored by Councilmember Tyson. Under Jerry's leadership the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium has grown from 75 acres to more than 580 acres with attendance rising from 700,000 to a projected 1.9 million for 2008. Jerry's many accomplishments include forging a partnership with the Wilds in southeast Ohio, the renovation of all the Zoo's exhibits and the additions of Discovery Reef, Manatee Coast, the Islands of Southeast Asia, Asia Quest, the Safari Golf Course and Zoombezi Bay and the start of Polar Frontier.

PROTECTING PETS: When a crisis strikes, people are not always the only ones in need of life-saving care. *Ordinance 1730-2008*, sponsored by Public Safety Committee Chair [Andrew J. Ginther](#), authorizes the Columbus Division of Fire to accept a donation of pet air masks from ATT Telephone Pioneers for use in emergency situations involving pets. The legislation will allow the City to receive 40 sets of reusable pet air masks. These masks will be used in emergency response situations where citizens' pets are being treated with oxygen.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: In an effort to focus attention on the important role of neighborhood organizations, Council President [Michael C. Mentel](#) invites a different Area Commission to offer a report to City Council each month. Tonight, Mike McKay, chair of the Westland Area Commission, will provide an update of neighborhood activities as well as ask and answer questions before Council. Columbus currently has 16 Area Commissions.

View live coverage of the Columbus City Council Meeting on cable channel 3 or on the [Web](#) via streaming video beginning at 5:00 p.m.