



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL
Agenda Highlights for May 18, 2009

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COUNCIL HELPING BRING 1,000 NEW JOBS TO COLUMBUS: As part of the ongoing strategy to create new job opportunities for Columbus residents, City Council will authorize a Jobs Growth Incentive agreement of 35 percent for eight years and a Job Creation Tax Credit agreement of 65 percent for 10 years with JP Morgan Chase Bank. In return, Chase has committed to expanding its operations in Columbus, bringing 1,000 new jobs to the city and retaining another 13,000. Development Committee Chair [Andrew J. Ginther](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 0709-2009* to authorize the agreements. With the addition of these new jobs, the city will net an estimated \$4.5 million in extra income tax revenue over the next eight years.

CRAIG SUPPORTING DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT: Public Service & Transportation Committee Chair [Hearcel F. Craig](#) is sponsoring legislation to support the ongoing revitalization efforts in Downtown. *Ordinance 0725-2009* authorizes the expenditure of \$325,000 to allow the city to acquire the rights-of-way needed to continue phase two of the River South Improvement Project. Improvements within the project boundaries include upgraded sidewalks with pedestrian walkways at intersections, landscaping, storm sewers, water lines, street lighting, and traffic control devices.

HELPING WOMEN AND CHILDREN: City Council is set to provide additional help for a program designed to protect some of Columbus' most vulnerable residents. Health, Housing & Human Services Committee Chair [Charleta B. Tavares](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 0631-2009* to authorize the expenditure of an additional \$4,796 to assist the operation of six Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) clinics. This additional funding brings the total appropriation of grant funds received from the Ohio Department of Health to \$5,236,485 for the WIC program. WIC serves thousands of Columbus families, providing nutritional food to mothers and children at risk.

HELPING SENIOR CITIZENS STAY INDEPENDENT: The Pre-Admission Screening System Providing Options and Resources Today (PASSPORT) program provides home care services as an alternative to nursing home admission for Medicaid-eligible clients. *Ordinance 0580-2009*, sponsored by Recreation & Parks Committee Chair [Priscilla R. Tyson](#), will authorize the appropriation of \$70,690,000 in grant funds from the Ohio Department of Aging to continue operation of the PASSPORT program. Services include case management, adult day care, homemaker visits, meals, personal care, respite, transportation, and emergency response. Approximately 4,100 clients are currently being served by the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging under the PASSPORT program.

MILLER IMPROVING EFFICIENCY THROUGH TECHNOLOGY: Administration Committee Chair [A. Troy Miller](#) is sponsoring legislation that will provide critical e-government services in a more efficient, user-friendly manner. *Ordinance 0002-2009* appropriates \$30,000 to enhance and update the city's current web presence with a redesigned management content system. The contract also permits data migration, enterprise architecture, portal architecture services and usability services.

WORKING TO PROTECT ALUM CREEK: Utilities Committee Chair [Eileen Y. Paley](#) is sponsoring legislation to proceed with a critical consent order project included in the city's Wet Weather Management Plan. *Ordinance 0581-2009* authorizes a \$143,700 construction contract for the North West Alum Creek Sanitary Renovations Project for the Division of Sewerage and Drainage. The contract work includes replacing a sanitary relief sewer, installing and reconstructing several manholes, as well as the replacement of four flap gates.

HELPING BUSINESSES BY PROVIDING PARKING OPTIONS: City Council continues to ensure that Downtown development is accompanied with adequate parking. Council President [Michael C. Mentel](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 0689-2009* to authorize a management agreement with Capitol South Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation for the operation of two new city-owned parking facilities currently under construction. The agreement requires Capitol South to remit all net revenue received from operation of the parking facilities to the city on a regular basis. The target opening date for the Front and Rich Street parking facility is July 1, 2009. Construction of the Fourth and Elm facility should be completed early next year, with an anticipated opening date in February 2010.

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The Health, Housing & Human Services Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 5:30 pm in City Council Chambers. Councilmember Tavares will present *resolution 0065X-2009* recognizing Visitability Awareness Week in the City of Columbus.

Please note that City Council will not hold a meeting on Monday, May 25, 2009 in observance of Memorial Day. The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held June 1, 2009 at 5:00 pm.