



**COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL**  
**Agenda Highlights for July 6, 2009**

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**CREATING NEW JOBS AND PROMOTING NEW TECHNOLOGIES:** Development Committee Chair [Andrew J. Ginther](#) is sponsoring two ordinances that will create jobs and promote investment in cutting-edge technologies and sports medicine in Columbus. *Ordinance 0869-2009* will allow the city to enter into a Jobs Growth Incentive agreement with Syscom Advanced Materials, Inc. in consideration of their \$1.1 million investment in retaining 14 full-time employees and creating of 10 new full-time jobs. Syscom, a company founded in Columbus, is using state of the art processes to develop high performance films and fibers used in electronic textile applications. *Ordinance 0872-2009* will allow the city to enter into an Enterprise Zone Agreement with WB Sports of Columbus in consideration of a proposed \$7.0 million investment in real property and acquisition costs. The agreement will help facilitate the construction a new 15,000 square foot sports medicine facility. In addition, 33 new jobs will be created with a total estimated annual payroll of just over \$5.6 million.

**PALEY SPONSORS LEGISLATION TO PROTECT VICTIMS:** As chair of the Judiciary & Court Administration Committee, [Eileen Y. Paley](#) continues her commitment to protect victims of domestic violence. *Ordinance 0776-2009*, sponsored by Councilmember Paley, will authorize City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer to accept stimulus funds to partially pay for the city's Cyber Crime Investigator and Domestic Violence Victim Advocate serving the Franklin County community within the Columbus City Attorney's Prosecution section. The Cyber Crime Investigator investigates telecommunication harassment allegations and frequently assists in stalking cases helping to identify the suspect. The DV Victim Advocate works with victims of domestic violence and stalking in their initial court appearances, as well as assisting them with obtaining emergency protection orders.

**TECHNOLOGY HELPING PROJECT FUTURE CAPITAL NEEDS:** Administration Committee Chair [A. Troy Miller](#) is sponsoring legislation that will aid the city in planning for future capital improvement projects. *Ordinance 0891-2009* will authorize the extension of the contract to provide annual software support and updates for a comprehensive Municipal Capital Planning and Asset Management System. This system helps manage the maintenance needs of city departments serviced by the Facilities Management Division, including Police and Fire.

**COUNCIL VARIANCE FOR COTA:** With her sponsorship of *ordinance 0809-2009*, Zoning Committee Chair [Priscilla R. Tyson](#) is supporting the Central Ohio Transit Authority's (COTA) goal of maintaining operations until renovations at its primary facilities are completed. This legislation will grant a variance at 3700 West Broad Street, allowing COTA to refuel busses at the site while their main facility is being renovated. As part of this operation, COTA will be seeking to install a 10,500 gallon above-ground fuel tank.

**CRAIG SUPPORTING DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT:** Public Service & Transportation Committee Chair [Hearcel F. Craig](#) is sponsoring legislation to coordinate the city's roadway and underground utility infrastructure capital improvement projects scheduled for construction in the River South District. *Ordinance 0784-2009* authorizes the professional engineering services contract in connection with various downtown roadway and underground utility infrastructure projects. Funding for this contract modification is being allocated equally between the Division of Design and Construction, the Division of Sewerage and Drainage and the Division of Power and Water.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT WINS PROMINENT FOOD PROTECTION AWARD:** Health, Housing & Human Services Committee Chair [Charleta B. Tavares](#) is sponsoring *resolution 0098X-2009* to recognize the Columbus Public Health's Food Protection Program for winning the 2009 Samuel J. Crumbine Consumer Protection Award for Excellence in Food Protection. The Food Protection Program is responsible for licensing and inspecting retail food businesses. These include grocery stores, restaurants, bars, delis, convenience stores, vending machines, food carts, and all food sold at fairs and festivals. The inspections are a service provided for the public to ensure the safety of Columbus' food supply for all people who live or work in the city of Columbus. The Department of Public Health has made its inspection results available on-line for review. For more information, visit: <http://www.decadeonline.com/main.phtml?agency=COL>.

**COUNCIL PROVIDING OPERATIONAL SUPPORT FOR CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER:** The Juvenile Bureau of the Columbus Division of Police and other area agencies combine their efforts with the Center for Child Advocacy at Nationwide Children's Hospital to provide protection and treatment for victims of child abuse and domestic violence. Council President [Michael C. Mentel](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 0909-2009* to provide operational support for the Police's special unit to continue its family advocacy efforts.

*\*\*The Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee will meet on Wednesday July 8, 2009 to discuss pending legislation. The meeting will be held in City Council Chambers, and will begin at 5:30 pm.*