



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL
Agenda Highlights for October 26, 2009

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TAVARES DEDICATED TO HELP PREVENT H1N1: The Columbus Board of Health continues to work with federal, state, county and other partners and local agencies to protect residents during the current H1N1 pandemic. Some 5,000 healthcare workers and emergency medical personnel that provide direct patient care, pregnant women and caregivers of babies younger than 6 month have been vaccinated in the last few days. Ordinance 1420-2009, sponsored by Health, Housing & Human Services Committee Chair [Charleta B. Tavares](#), will authorize the Board of Health to spend \$279,149 from the Health Department Grants Fund and enter into various contracts to staff and operate H1N1 vaccination clinics and efforts here in Columbus.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS GRANTS: City Council is continuing efforts to ensure that children have a safe place to walk to and from school. *Ordinances 1380-2009 and 1383-2009*, sponsored by Public Service Committee Chair [Hearcel F. Craig](#), authorize the application of two *Safe Routes to Schools* (SRTS) grants from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). If awarded, funds will be used for the design and construction of curb extensions and textured crosswalks for portions of Town Street and Dana Avenue in Franklinton and for infrastructure improvements along Hague Avenue and Valleyview Drive. Both projects are in School Travel Plans previously approved by ODOT. The maximum funding available is \$500,000 for each grant application.

GINTHER HOLDS PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS OUTDOOR PATIO PERMITS: Columbus City Councilmember [Andrew J. Ginther](#), Chair of the Development Committee, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers to discuss legislation on a proposed City Code change that will require businesses with outdoor patios located within 125 feet of residentially zoned property to obtain a special permit from the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA).

PARTNERS HELPING TO BUILD SCIOTO MILE RIVERFRONT PARK: The City of Columbus is partnering with public and private sector groups to build a signature riverfront park in downtown Columbus. The Scioto Mile Park will stretch from the Arena District to the Whittier Peninsula and will be completed in time for Columbus' Bicentennial in 2012. [Priscilla R. Tyson](#), Chair of the Recreation and Parks committee, is sponsoring two ordinances that will continue the construction of this park that will increase the amount of green space in the downtown while creating a tourist attraction and focal point for many central city activities. *Ordinance 1337-2009* will enable the Director of Recreation and Parks to accept a grant \$1,000,000 from the Ohio Cultural Facilities Commission to build a band shell along Civic Center Drive while *ordinance 1364-2009* will allow the City to accept a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for land acquisition, environmental abatement, design, and construction in and around the "Scioto Mile" area.

BEAUTIFICATION EFFORTS AT CITY HALL: The landscaping at City Hall is a reflection of the pride Columbus residents have in the building and the City. That's why the Columbus Apartment Association and volunteers provided the material and labor throughout the year to maintain the nearly three dozen flower beds that improve the look of City Hall. Councilmember [Eileen Y. Paley](#) will present Certificates of Recognition to association members as a way of thanking them for their hard work during the 2009 season.