



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL
Agenda Highlights for March 1, 2010

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IMPROVING CITY STREETS: Public Service Committee Chair [Hearcel F. Craig](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 0273-2010* to authorize the expenditure of \$3,523,144.98 from the Governmental Build America Bonds Fund for Resurfacing 2010 – Project 1 resurfacing project. The project involves the reconstruction and resurfacing of 16 city streets and the construction of 152 wheelchair ramps. The work consists of milling the existing pavement, overlaying with new asphalt concrete, the replacement of curb and sidewalks associated with the installation of ADA wheelchair ramps and partial depth pavement repair where warranted.

HELPING FIGHT CRIME IN CENTRAL OHIO: Central Ohio Crime Stoppers is a non-profit organization working to fight crime in Columbus neighborhoods. Crime Stoppers operates 24-hours a day and enables citizens to report information to law enforcement agencies while remaining anonymous. Judiciary & Court Administration Committee Chair [Eileen Y. Paley](#) is co-sponsoring *ordinance 0271-2010* to authorize the expenditure of \$25,397.00 from the General Fund to support the organization. City Council amended the 2010 budget to provide this funding. In 2009, Crime Stoppers received 2,229 tips, resulting in 132 arrests and 254 criminal charges.

PLANNING THE FUTURE OF DOWNTOWN COLUMBUS: City Councilmember [Andrew J. Ginther](#), chair of the Finance and Economic Development Committee, will attend the first *Downtown Strategic Town Hall Meeting* on **Tuesday, March 2, 2010** from **6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** at the **Columbus State Conference Center, 315 Cleveland Avenue**. Representatives from the City of Columbus, the Columbus Downtown Development Corporation and the planning team from MSI Design will conduct the first of three town hall meetings to gather citizen input on a long-term strategic plan for downtown's next 10 years of development. The 2010 Downtown Columbus Strategic Plan provides the opportunity to transform the city as a whole, creating a more successful region that is both nationally and internationally competitive.

MILLER SUPPORTING ELECTRONIC JOB APPLICATION SERVICES: Councilmember [A. Troy Miller](#), chair of the Administration Committee, is sponsoring *ordinance 0127-2010* to renew an existing agreement for maintenance, support and software license from Governmentjobs.com for the Civil Service Commission's applicant management database system. The management database system provides applicant tracking information for test administration, exam grades, certifications, and notifications. It allows potential candidates to apply on-line for employment vacancies, submit their resume, update their applicant employment profile and job interest information. The software is currently used by the Division of Police to recruit and track potential police officer candidates.

TAVARES HOLDS PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS HUMAN TRAFFICKING: Councilmember [Charleta B. Tavares](#), chair of the Health & Human Development Committee, will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers to discuss and raise awareness of the issue of human trafficking and its impact on Columbus residents. Representatives from the Central Ohio Rescue and Restore Coalition will also be in attendance. The coalition was established under the guidance of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to assist victims of human trafficking.