



**COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL**  
**Agenda Highlights for July 26, 2010**

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**PUBLIC BRIEFING ON HOME RECYCLING PROGRAM:** Councilmember [Hearcel F. Craig](#), chair of the Public Service & Transportation Committee, will hold a community briefing on **Wednesday, July 28, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.** in **City Council Chambers** to discuss Columbus' effort to implement a comprehensive curbside home recycling program by 2012. The informational meeting is the latest in a series of community briefings on the recycling issue and additional meetings will be scheduled for community input.

**SUPPLYING NATURAL GAS FOR CITY VEHICLES:** In an effort to help reduce emissions, part of the city's fleet is being replaced with compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicles. Utilities Committee Chair [Eileen Y. Paley](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 1074-2010* to authorize the expenditure of \$249,424.00 for services for CNG infrastructure for the city of Columbus, at 1250 Fairwood Avenue and 4211 Groves Road. Services will include the design of a CNG filling station and renovations to both maintenance shops. The filling station will provide a rapid and reliable dispensing of compressed natural gas and grow a fleet of energy efficient CNG fueled vehicles. CNG vehicles produce significantly lower amounts of harmful emissions such as nitrogen oxides, particulate matter and toxic and carcinogenic pollutants. Natural gas is readily available, clean-burning and costs less than gasoline or diesel fuel. The fuel costs for the new vehicles will be 46% less than those being replaced.

**PROVIDING HELP FOR INDIGENT MOTHERS AND CHILDREN:** Health and Human Development Committee Chair [Charleta B. Tavares](#) is sponsoring four pieces of legislation to help support healthy mothers and children in Columbus. *Ordinance 1075-2010* will authorize the expenditure of \$34,049 from Health Department grant funds for the Council On Healthy Mothers and Babies to provide services for the Healthy Start program. The Council on Healthy Mothers and Babies provides health education/promotional services, supports the Local Health System Action Plan, holds public forums and meetings, prenatal care committees and links pregnant women with appropriate providers through the Pregnancy Care Connection Network. *Ordinances 1092-2010, 1095-2010 and 1097-2010* will authorize the city to accept and appropriate \$1.6 million in grant funding from the Ohio Department of Health for the Child & Family Health Services (CFHS) program, the CFHS Perinatal program, and the CFHS Women's Health Services program. The programs provide prenatal and perinatal services for the un- and uninsured and will be funded from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

**MAINTAINING THE COLUMBUS AQUATICS CENTER:** The Columbus Aquatics Center offers a wide variety of aquatic programs for children of all ages and adults during the winter months. The indoor season ends with the opening of the city's outdoor pools in June. Councilmember [Priscilla R. Tyson](#), chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee, is sponsoring *ordinance 1087-2010* to authorize the expenditure of \$42,000 from the Voted 1999/2004 Parks and Recreation Bond Fund for professional painting services for the Aquatics Center. The work will include the painting of all interior walls, ceilings, doors and frames and any necessary miscellaneous work.