



## COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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**POTHOLE PATROL:** Every year in the City of Columbus, crews patch tens of thousands of potholes to improve area roadways and protect residents from injury. *Ordinance 2017-2013*, sponsored by Public Service and Transportation Committee chair [Eileen Y. Paley](#), will allow the Department of Public Service to purchase two new pothole patching trucks from FYDA Freightliner. The company provided the lowest competitive bid of \$290,242.

**REBUILDING LIVES:** The Young Women’s Christian Association (YWCA) provides permanent supportive housing for women at its 65 South Front Street facility. Councilmember [Priscilla R. Tyson](#), chair of the Health and Human Services Committee, is sponsoring *ordinance 2229-2013* to provide \$650,000 in bond funds to the YWCA to make necessary repairs to the building. The City of Columbus has pledged \$6,000,000 in funding over a five-year period to support the YWCA and the women it serves.

**EDUCATING SAFETY FORCES:** In mid-August, the City of Columbus and Columbus State Community College announced a partnership that puts all incoming firefighters and police officers on a direct path toward an associate degree. The academic program is designed with three blocks of courses involving a combination of state certification courses and academic courses. Councilmember [Michelle M. Mills](#), chair of the Public Safety and Judiciary Committee, is sponsoring *ordinances 2245 and 2013* to put in place memorandums of understanding that will allow the City of Columbus to pay tuition for firefighters and police. In addition, firefighters and police officers already working for the city would have the option to take the courses, which would allow them to earn an associate degree.