



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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PROTECTING FAMILIES: The Columbus Division of Police has been awarded a grant to support the S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) for a Domestic Violence Unit Project. Ordinance 2298-2013, sponsored by Public Safety and Judiciary Committee chair [Michelle M. Mills](#), allows the Division to accept the \$4,796 grant to purchase seven new digital cameras and a large securable filing cabinet to increase and improve the quality of photographic evidence for the prosecution of criminal cases involving the D.V. Unit. The grant will also pay for specialized training in best practices and collaborations for police and prosecutors for two D.V. Unit members.

READY FOR WINTER: Fresh off the recently completed annual [Snow Warriors inspection](#), the City of Columbus is getting ready for winter weather by purchasing 13 compressed natural gas (CNG) powered tandem axle dump trucks. Ordinance 2285-2013, sponsored by Public Service and Transportation Committee chair [Eileen Y. Paley](#), will allow the City to contract with Team Cruiser Conversion Co. to purchase trucks that will replace older vehicles currently in the fleet. The contract was competitively bid and the purchase price is \$2,709,096. CNG is a domestically produced fuel source that is cleaner burning and less expensive than diesel fuel.

P.L.A.Y. SCHOLARSHIPS: Each year, hundreds of kids enjoy Columbus Recreation and Parks programming thanks to the Private Leisure Assistance for Youth (PLAY) Fund. Recreation and Parks Committee chair [Zach M. Klein](#) is sponsoring ordinance 2371-2013 to appropriate \$53,924.96 for the continued operation of the scholarship program, which enables children to take part in City-sponsored summer programming free of charge.

UPGRADING 311: The City's 311 call center provides an easy way to request a wide variety of City services in your community. Ordinance 1741-2013, sponsored by Technology Committee chair [A. Troy Miller](#), will allow the City to modify a contract with North American Communications Resources, Inc. to provide a systems and services upgrade for the interactive voice response (IVR) system. The IVR system supports the City's 311, Utilities, and Technology Help Desk call centers. The total cost of the system upgrade is \$121,984.00.