



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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FRONT DOOR SHELTER: The Community Shelter Board (CSB) coordinates homeless services, including shelters, for the Columbus area. Ordinance 2488-2013, sponsored by Health and Human Services Committee chair [Priscilla R. Tyson](#), authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a contract with the CSB in order to assist in the purchase of a 63,476 square foot vacant warehouse which will become the Front Door Shelter serving homeless individuals. The City is committing \$700,000 from the 2013 bond sale to the project. Additional funding of \$5,000,000 for the acquisition and renovation of the building is expected from the Ohio Housing Finance Agency and private corporations. Operating support for the project will come in the form of grants and fundraising conducted by CSB. The shelter will be owned by CSB and operated by CSB's partner agencies: the YMCA of Central Ohio, YWCA Columbus and Southeast Inc. Construction is scheduled to be completed in spring 2014.

BROWNFIELD CLEANUP: The City of Columbus has been awarded a Clean Ohio Brownfield Fund grant of up to \$1,000,000 for environmental cleanup, demolition, infrastructure improvements and other expenses for two building along South High Street. Ordinance 2600-2013, sponsored by Development Committee chair [Zach M. Klein](#), will assist in the redevelopment of The Trautman, 203-213 South High, and The HUB Buildings, 221 South High, with the help of the grant dollars. The current development design is for an eight-story, mid-rise mixed-use structure that will cover the entire 0.538 acre site and will consist of 106 top quality apartments, street level retail space, and a partially subterranean parking garage. The building is configured in a "U" shape around a center courtyard which will open to Rich Street and feature more than five thousand square feet of outdoor urban green space. The Annex at River South II, Ltd., will

invest approximately \$20,900,000 in the project for property acquisition, site preparation and construction.

PROTECTING FAMILIES: Ordinance 2608-2013, sponsored by Public Safety and Judiciary Committee chair [Michelle M. Mills](#), will authorize the City Attorney to accept a \$2,000 supplemental grant award from the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, Office of Homeland Security and Justice Programs, for the 2013 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Domestic Violence Prosecutors grant to fund training costs.

POWERING COLUMBUS: The City's electrical services will be receiving a major upgrade thanks to ordinance 2404-2013. Public Utilities Committee chair [Eileen Y. Paley](#) is sponsoring the legislation to make improvements to the Dublin Avenue Substation Control/Switchgear Building at 555 W. Nationwide Boulevard. The \$2,859,150 competitively bid contract with Professional Electric Products Company will replace an obsolete substation that is prone to service disruptions and create a more reliable level of electrical service for Columbus customers.