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COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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REBUILDING LIVES: The Community Shelter Board (CSB) works to end homelessness among men, women, and children. A key component of that mission is the Rebuilding Lives plan, an inter-related set of strategies to increase access to key social services and find solutions to end homelessness. CSB leads the community's development of permanent supportive housing for people experiencing long-term or repeated homelessness. By developing permanent supportive housing, the Columbus community has made a major impact in addressing long-term homelessness. Ordinance 0332-2014, sponsored by Health and Human Services Committee Chair Priscilla R. Tyson, authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into contract with the CSB to support the Rebuilding Lives Program and authorizes the expenditure of a total of \$902,734.

LEAD SAFE COLUMBUS: Lead poisoning can result in serious health issues in adults and children alike. *Ordinance 0268-2014*, sponsored by Development Committee Chair <u>Michelle M. Mills</u>, authorizes the expenditure of up to \$450,000 for the Lead Safe Columbus Program to provide property owners with grants for

lead abatement activities to support safe, affordable housing for families with low or moderate incomes.

FIGHTING ANIMAL CRUELTY: The mission of the Capital Area Humane Society (CAHS) is to fight animal cruelty and neglect while providing shelter services to the community. Ordinance 0367-2014, sponsored by Public Safety and Judiciarv Committee Chair Zach M. Klein, authorizes the Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter into a \$219,000 contract with CAHS so that the organization can investigate allegations of animal cruelty in Columbus. CAHS will notify the appropriate legal authorities of confirmed cases of animal abuse and neglect while also reporting other criminal conduct.

FUNDING FESTIVALS: Festival season brings visitors from all over the country to Columbus to enjoy our rich and varied events. Recreation and Parks Committee Chair <u>Hearcel F. Craig</u> is sponsoring *ordinance 0373-2014*, to support various cultural and arts programs for the enrichment of the community. The funds are generated by the hotel/motel tax and typically support festivals like the Jazz and Rib Fest, Fall Harvest Jamboree, Festival Latino, and other community events, as well as Scioto Mile programming.

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