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Acquisition of 405 S. Platte River Dr.

Solutions Center

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- Approves purchase & sale agreement with Manoah, LLC
- 25,000 sf facility located at 405 S. Platte River Dr. in Council District 7
- Purchase price of \$2.325 million
- Terms include replacement of the roof, new HVAC and fire/life safety improvements



- Funding for the Solutions Center comes from 2 sources
 - \$2,266,000 reimbursement of Lawrence Street Community Center project costs
 - \$59,000 from DHS 24 Hour Rest & Resource Center funds
- BR 14-1045 approves the creation of a new capital grant fund and supporting appropriation in the amount of \$2,266,000
 - Funds are a result of the grant agreement with Denver Rescue Mission for reimbursement of Lawrence Street Community Center project costs

- Fills a gap in services for homeless individuals and those with behavioral health challenges
- Would provide behavioral health services and short-term housing to stabilize individuals in crisis
- Would provide accommodation and services for up to 30 days for up to 46 individuals at a time while connecting them to longer-term housing and treatment
- Clients would be referred by first responders including social service providers, law enforcement and health-care providers



- Have held 9 meetings with RNOs (Athmar Park, Baker), neighbors, and adjacent property owners
- Center plans have been presented to the Homeless Commission, Crime Prevention & Control Commission and service providers
- Community concerns identified include: security and crime, impacts to Johnson Habitat Park and Platte River, facility operations and protocols, increased homeless presence in area, impacts to city and private investments in the area
- Modifications to center plans have been made to address concerns and work with neighbors will continue as a service provider is selected

Next Steps for Solutions Center

- Issue a Request for Qualifications seeking a nonprofit service provider(s) to operate, manage and oversee the facility
- Enter into contract with service provider(s) and bring contract to City Council for approval
- Opening of Solutions Center in late 2015
- Ongoing work with partners to develop a Behavior Health Convening to highlight the intersection of behavioral health and homelessness, and generate a dialogue within the region

- Finance & Services committee – 12/2
- Mayor-Council – 12/9
- First Reading – 12/15
- 2nd Reading – 12/22