

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

January 13, 2015

In Attendance

Councilman Moses Freeman, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m. A quorum was present, including Council Chairman Chip Henderson, Vice Chair Dr. Carol Berz and Councilpersons Chris Anderson, Russell Gilbert, Larry Grohn, Yusuf Hakeem, Jerry Mitchell and Ken Smith. Also present was City Attorney Wade Hinton and Council Clerk Nicole Gwyn, CMC.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Smith, the minutes from the last meeting (September 9, 2014) were approved as published.

Presentation: Family Justice Center Report

Councilman Freeman introduced Dr. Valerie Radu, Executive Director of the Family Justice Center (FJC), who gave a presentation on the following:

- Family Violence
- History
- FJC Model
- Our FJC Scope
- Our FJC Goals
- Community Engagement
- Focus Group Input Regarding Location
- Our FJC Location

Dr. Radu distributed handouts to councilpersons that included an artist rendering of the building. She discussed the temporary location of the center during its construction: 5741 Corneliussen Drive. After responding to questions and comments from the Council, Dr. Radu introduced the following stakeholders/advocates who addressed Council in support of the FJC:

- Shelley McGraw - Children's Advocacy Center
- Russ Fowler - Legal Aid of East Tennessee
- Dr. Kathy Parnell – University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
- Ella Shannon – Adult Protective Service
- Lucilla Nash – Social Worker/Crisis Advocate

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilman Freeman adjourned the meeting at 3:52 p.m.