

YOUTH AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES November 17, 2015

In Attendance

Councilman Russell Gilbert, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:14 p.m. A quorum was present, including Council Chairwoman Carol Berz, Vice Chair Moses Freeman and Councilmen Chris Anderson, Larry Grohn, Yusuf Hakeem, Chip Henderson, Jerry Mitchell and Ken Smith. Assigned attorney was Deputy City Attorney Phil Noblett.

Others in Attendance

YFD: Lurone Jennings, Administrator, and Jason McKinney, Deputy Administrator of Education; Council Clerk's Office: Nicole Gwyn, CMC, Clerk

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Smith, the minutes of the last meeting (November 17, 2015) were approved as published.

Baby U Presentation

Mr. Jennings introduced Donna McConnico, CEO of Signal Centers, to discuss the city's Baby U program. Ms. McConnico thanked the Council and BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee for their support. She introduced the following Baby U specialists:

- Elizabeth Cotellese, LMSW
- Kenia Ledezma, BSW
- Rachel Kelly, Ed.S
- LaSha' Rockymore, BSW

They presented a visual presentation that included information on the following:

- Baby Mission
- Enrollment Data
- Outreach
- Holiday Celebration
- Volunteers
- Donations
- Holiday Help
- My Brother's Keeper
- Success Stories

Patrice Martin, a Baby U client, addressed the Council and gave a mother's perspective on what she gained from the program. She had been referred to the program by her 10-year-old who gave her a business card from a Baby U specialist.

Ms. McConnico responded to questions from the Council after the presentation.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilman Gilbert adjourned the meeting at 3:47 p.m.