

COUNCIL LETTER
CITY OF KNOXVILLE
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AGENDA ITEM: Presentation and update on the joint city hall and public safety building feasibility study.

BACKGROUND: In 2014 the City of Knoxville entered into services with Neumann Monson Architects to evaluate the current facilities of city hall, the police department, and fire station. The study is now complete and representatives from Neumann Monson and city staff would like to present the results.

BUDGET IMPACT: Neumann Monson has identified challenges with current facilities and has presented options for the city to move forward with new facilities. These various options are costly, and would be difficult to implement given the city's effective debt limit of approximately \$13.9M. Proposed options to remodel existing structures are also cost prohibitive. Significant investments will be need in coming budgets with continued long-term planning needed for either the significant updates needed in current facilities or to afford a new facility.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the city form a working group to continue the work started by Neumann Monson. This group will identify the most important issues to be addressed, and seek out the most effective ways of solving the identified issues. The group will work to find the most realistic solutions for Knoxville's future problems with regards to facilities.