



**Old Business:**

- A. The Building Committee verbal report was given by David Heaton, who discussed the seller accepting Council's counter-offer of \$525,000.00. A potential to build a 14,000 square foot building with 53 parking spaces exists. Attorney Johnathan Ferguson stated that, because the seller dated the contract on April 14, 2008, it would be the start date of the 120 days of Due Diligence. **A motion was made by Marian Carpenter and seconded by Vern Melvin to approve the contract for sale and purchase of the Central Parkway property (1.525 acres, Lot 2, Unity Subdivision) for \$525,000.00 with the 120 days of Due Diligence starting as of April 14, 2008, as presented by staff. The motion passed unanimously.**
- B. The Phase One Environmental Audit of the above approved property for purchase was presented by David Heaton. **A motion was made by Samia Ferraro and seconded by Marian Carpenter to approve the \$1,600.00 proposal by Andersen Andre Consulting Engineers with David Heaton being given authorization to execute the contract for Council, as recommended by staff. The motion passed unanimously.**

**New Business:**

- A. The 2008-09 CSCMC final funding awards recommendation was reported by Elizabeth Whittles, as reviewed by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and staff. \$88,453.00 will be unallocated because only Continuing Contracts will receive a 3% cost-of-living increase, which will require further Council input and approval. Elizabeth reviewed the funding spreadsheet and contract special conditions for Council. Council had a detailed discussion of what to do with the unallocated funds, cost of living, and Program Reserve. Staff will present options in light of the upcoming budget for Council's approval at the May Council meeting and Budget Workshop. **A motion was made by Vern Melvin and seconded by Samia Ferraro to award funding for 2008-09 children's programs in the amount of \$5,301,725.00, as recommended by TAC and staff. The motion passed unanimously.**
- B. The Whole Child Connection's (WCC) agreement with CSCMC was given by Elizabeth Whittles, as WCC will be spinning off from CSCMC. WCC is already an incorporated entity with a 501(c)(3) designation. WCC's Board is requesting that CSCMC consider continuing to serve as the human resources administer for staff at WCC, Inc., from July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2009, since the cost to assume or outsource this responsibility is not possible. WCC will manage their own accounts payable and accounts receivable. Therefore, CSCMC staff is working with Attorney Johnathan Ferguson on a personnel services agreement and a lease agreement (for the front office rental) with CSCMC and WCC to begin on July 1, 2008. These two finalized agreements will be presented to Council in May for approval.

- C. The auditor's engagement letter was presented by Genevieve Guido. Council held a detailed discussion about the 40% increase in costs, due to the new audit standards issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), going out for bid on auditing in the future, and CSCMC's funded agencies also being faced with this same auditing increase. **A motion was made by Tony George and seconded by Marian Carpenter to approve the final year of Proctor, Crook & Crowder's contract for auditing services at the requested fee of \$22,500.00 for fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, as recommended by staff. (6) Council Members voting in favor of the motion included Debbie Crowder, Marian Carpenter, Samia Ferraro, Tony George, Vern Melvin, and Karen Ripper; (1) Council Member opposed to the motion was Dr. Sara Wilcox. The motion passed with a 6 to 1 vote.**

### Staff Reports:

- A. The Executive Director/Staff Report was given by David Heaton. David presented Council with a copy of the CSCMC Annual Report and thanked staff for their participation, especially Elizabeth Whittles and Rebecca Galante. Dave reported on the new sound system being operated today that was budgeted through Capital Purchasing to improve the quality of the public meeting recordings, where Dave and Rebecca worked on the software attached to this system.

Elizabeth Whittles reported on the Capital Connection, attached to the Executive Director/Staff Report for Council's review (real time information coming from Tallahassee). Progress was seen by Healthy Start Coalitions receiving their same funding as last year; Healthy Families' budgets were not cut as drastically as planned, and a restoration was made to both Children's Medical Services and independent living, which impacts foster children aging out of foster care. The PACE Center in our area is not being closed. A more concrete report will be available in May, as the final decision will be up to the Governor. A greater concern is the Taxation and Budget Reform Commission's proposal for a tax swap that will be on the ballot. This may create a possible \$9.5 billion loss of revenue for education, sales tax will be increased, the sales tax exemption will be reviewed, and other sources of revenue for Florida will be explored. Sales tax revenue is a concern to both education and health and human services that typically sustain great reductions in difficult economic times. Educating the public will be a key factor to help people understand what the true impact of this measure would ultimately be.

Council discussed it being premature to know if CSCMC will be causing a hardship to any organization by not allocating the \$88,453.00 discussed earlier. No organization was reduced in funding so significantly that CSCMC would cripple their operations to do business by withdrawing the 3% cost-of-living increase.

- B. Financial Reports were given by Genevieve Guido for the 6-month period ending March 31, 2008, where CSCMC has received about 58% of our revenue. \$58,000 was budgeted toward Program Reserve, which has not been used to date. The Balance Sheet reflects that over \$7 million is being held in SBA, where no new revenue is being deposited or no withdrawals have been made because of the withdrawal penalty. David Heaton reported that the majority of CSCMC investments are not in the high-risk pool, and published articles indicated that the SBA was at no greater risk than some other private firms. Staff will continue to monitor the situation.

**For Your Information:**

Information was reviewed, as submitted by staff.

**Council Member Comments:**

Samia Ferraro thanked staff for producing the Annual Report. Ms. Ferraro wanted to know if Council would be receiving a more detailed report on the targeted funding programs. Elizabeth will be giving an update this year as the majority of the targeted funding programs will be moving into the competitive funding cycle. Elizabeth stated that our goal was to launch targeted funding programs, would get them to a point where they were sustained and fully operational and stabilized and then move into the competitive funding cycle.

Debbie Crowder thanked all of the TAC Members and Marian Carpenter (Council's TAC Liaison) for all of their hard work, which is very time consuming, in helping Council to be able to make funding decisions. Ms. Crowder also thanked staff for the Annual Report.

Marian Carpenter agreed with Ms. Crowder and felt that the TAC Members are super people for their hard work of digging into each application with a detailed evaluation of the programs.

**Public Comments:**

Joseph Ascrizzi, Ed Daccarett, and David Olio (all of Palm City) spoke from their group to oppose CSCMC funding Planned Parenthood's La Promesa Program and wanting a meeting with their group and CSCMC Council. Their group also spoke about their opinion that CSCMC deviated from its mission of children only, other local organizations perform the same function as La Promesa, and Planned Parenthood has racist business practices by locating 80% of their clinics nationally in minority neighborhoods.

As no further discussion existed, the regular meeting was adjourned by Debbie Crowder (Chair) at 10:50 a.m.

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Debbie Crowder, Chair

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David L. Heaton, Executive Director