

**ST. PETERSBURG CITY COUNCIL**

**Consent Agenda**

**Meeting of October 1, 2009**

**To:** The Honorable Jeff Danner, Chair, and Members of City Council

**Subject:** A resolution authorizing the Mayor, or his designee, to execute a Letter of Consent to allow Community Health Centers of Pinellas, Inc. to receive American Recovery and Reinvestment Act stimulus funding for capital improvements to the Johnnie Ruth Clarke Health Center; and providing an effective date.

**Explanation:** In October 2002, the City executed a lease on the property known as the Johnnie Ruth Clarke Health Center, to Community Health Centers of Pinellas, Inc. ("CHCP") for the purpose of providing health care and health care-related services to the residents of St. Petersburg.

In March 2009, CHCP was awarded American Recovery and Reinvestment Act ("ARRA") stimulus funding for patient care services and funding for capital improvements to the Johnnie Ruth Clarke Health Center. The plan is to add an additional six examination rooms to the Johnnie Ruth Clarke Health Center and to enhance the efficiency of their information systems, software and electronic medical records across the network of five health centers.


Because the City leases the property to CHCP, the federal government requires the City to consent to allow CHCP make improvements to the property. A copy of the Letter of Consent is attached.

**Recommendation:** Administration recommends that City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Mayor, or his designee, to execute a Letter of Consent to allow Community Health Centers of Pinellas, Inc. to receive American Recovery and Reinvestment Act stimulus funding for capital improvements to the Johnnie Ruth Clarke Health Center; and providing an effective date.

**Cost/Funding/Assessment Information:** There is no cost implication.

**Attachment:** Resolution  
Letter of Consent

**Approvals:**

  
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**Legal** (As to consistency w/ attached legal documents)

  
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**Administration**

Resolution No. 2009 - \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE A LETTER OF CONSENT TO ALLOW COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS OF PINELLAS, INC. TO RECEIVE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT STIMULAS FUNDING FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE JOHNNIE RUTH CLARKE HEALTH CENTER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in October 2002, the City executed a lease on the property known as the Johnnie Ruth Clarke Health Center to Community Health Centers of Pinellas, Inc. ("CHCP") for the purpose of providing health care and health care-related services to the residents of St. Petersburg; and

WHEREAS, in March 2009 CHCP was awarded American Recovery and Reinvestment Act ("ARRA") stimulus funding for patient care services; and

WHEREAS, CHCP was also awarded \$1.1M of ARRA stimulus funding for capital improvements to the Johnnie Ruth Clarke Health Center; and

WHEREAS, because the City leases the property to CHCP, the federal government requires the City to consent to allow the CHCP to make improvements to the property; and

WHEREAS, CHCP and the Johnnie Ruth Clarke Health Center play an important role in the revitalization of the Midtown community, and are important elements of medical care for many St. Petersburg residents; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of the Johnnie Ruth Clarke Health Center is in the best interests of the City.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, that the Mayor or his designee is authorized to execute a Letter of Consent to allow Community Health Centers of Pinellas, Inc. to receive American Recovery and Reinvestment Act stimulus funding for capital improvements to the Johnnie Ruth Clarke Health Center.

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Approvals:

Legal: \_\_\_\_\_ 

Administration: \_\_\_\_\_ 

October 1, 2009

Mrs. Pat Mabe, CEO/President  
Community Health Centers of Pinellas  
1344 22<sup>nd</sup> Street South  
St. Petersburg, FL 33712-2744

Dear Mrs. Mabe:

I am pleased to offer support to Community Health Centers of Pinellas (CHCP) as your organization continues to provide health care to the residents of St. Petersburg. It is good news that CHCP is eligible to receive ARRA stimulus funding. The City of St. Petersburg is pleased that the money will be used to construct more exam rooms at the Johnnie Ruth Clarke Health Center, thus enabling you to see more patients.

The City of St. Petersburg, as the land owner of 1344 22<sup>nd</sup> Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33712-2744 approves the scope of the Capital Improvement Project (CIP), which will include the construction of a 2,500 square foot addition to the southwest corner of the Johnnie Ruth Clarke Health Center which will add 6 (six) exam rooms to the facility. Further, the City is aware that CHCP will continue to provide healthcare services.

The City affirms, as documented in the Mercy Hospital Site Ground Lease Agreement, dated October 3, 2002, that CHCP has control of the property for a term of 25 (twenty-five) years.

Thank you for your continued efforts to improve the healthcare of all in the city of St. Petersburg and I look forward to working with you through this process to build a better healthcare center.

Sincerely,

Goliath J. Davis, III, Ph.D., Deputy Mayor  
Midtown Economic Development