CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

03-020

AGENDA:

JANUARY 6, 2003

SUBJECT:

ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PROJECT

TYPE:

RESOLUTION ORDINANCE

RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

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SYNOPSIS —

Approval of a project agreement with the Human Service Planning Alliance (HSPA) for the Enterprise Community (EC) Child Care Subsidy Project, which will provide child care subsidies for employees of Top Value Foods from December 2, 2002 to October 31, 2004.

FISCAL IMPACT —

A total of \$163,993 of EC Social Service Block Grant (SSBG) Funds entitlement funding will be utilized.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval of the project agreement with the HSPA for the EC Child Care Subsidy Project. The HSPA will administer \$163,993 of SSBG funding for child care assistance, consistent with the EC Strategic Plan.

BACKGROUND —

On July 7, 1997, by Roll Call No. 97-2358, the City Council approved a contract with Polk County Child Care Resource and Referral/Child Net in the amount of \$20,000 to administer the remaining \$380,000 of the \$400,000 allotted for child care subsidies in the EC Strategic Plan for parents in the EC Employment Consortium Program and other EC-funded training/employment programs.

On September 22, 1997, by Roll Call No. 97-3214, the City Council approved an amendment to the Polk County Child Care Resource and Referral/Child Net contract which added \$380,000 for child care subsidy disbursement (for a total of \$400,000) to the contract with Polk County Child Care Resource and Referral/Child Net.

On September 5, 2002, the Enterprise Steering Committee voted to recommend to City Council that the remaining allocation of child care subsidies, in the amount of \$163,993, be allocated to the HSPA for the EC Child Care Subsidy Project. This project will provide child care subsidies to employees of Top Value Foods participating in their job training employment program for a period of December 2,

2002 to October 31, 2004, consistent with the EC Strategic Plan.