

SAN FRANCISCO
 **MUNICIPAL ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION** 

MINUTES

Executive Board Meeting – Emergency Mayor’s Office Request

Monday, February 25, 2008
3:00 p.m.
City Hall Conference Room 305

Present:

Tom Owen (CA), President
Elliot Beckelman, 1st Vice President
Daro Inouye (PD), 2nd Vice President
Linda Colfax (PD), Treasurer
Jerry Coleman (DA), Secretary
Doug Welch (PD), PD Rep.
Michon Martin (DA), DA Rep.
Sean Connolly (CA), City Atty. Rep
James Lassart, Esq., MAA counsel

Absent:

Frank Brass (CA), At Large Rep

We met in emergency session after a call by President Owen, who had been contacted by representatives of the Mayor’s Office who were concerned that our recent union decision to agree to extend our current contract to 7-1-10 (after a 97-24 vote in favor of such extension by the membership) was accompanied by a refusal to sign the side letter supplied by the City.

After discussions in private session re our own concerns with side letter, we heard presentations by Micki Callahan, Director of Human Resources, and Phil Ginsburg, Mayor’s Chief of Staff re the City’s need to have our agreement to forestall any raise even in new 7-1-10 contract until at least 12-31-10. When Elliot Beckelman (asked by Tom Owen to be lead negotiator for MAA) raised the City’s issues with language in the side letter calling all union groups “non public safety”, Callahan said (1) any agreement by us would not preclude us from still negotiating with the city on safety status, and (2) we could draft our own side letter simply committing to no raise before 12-31-10.

We met again in private session, and voted to agree to draft our own side letter (to be done by attorney Lassart, by next day). Given City’s insistence that all unions decide whether to ratify pension/health proposal within next 18 hours, and that all issues still on table had been fully vetted at public DA/DPD meeting on

2-20-08, our Board's decision to ratify this decision without another member meeting/ballot passed by a 6-2 vote. [Martin, Beckelman opposed.] Beckelman called Callahan by cell and notified her of our decision.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.
- Jerry Coleman, Secretary, MAA