



MEDIATION UPDATE 2-21-08

"MCEA's negotiations team, attorney, and accountant met with City management officials and a state mediator on Thursday, February 21, to try to reach an end to the impasse in contract negotiations.

During the first two hours of mediation, MCEA's accountant presented his 78-page report analyzing the City's financial health. This report is now available for download as a PDF document on the MCEA website. In addition to the City's negotiations team, City Finance Director Wayne Padilla and Deputy City Manager Judith Ray attended the morning session to address the City's finances.

Mediation continued throughout the remainder of the day. City management will meet again with the City Council in closed session on Tuesday, February 26, to discuss the MCEA contract. Although these discussions will happen in closed session before the portion of the meeting open to the public, MCEA negotiators will be attending and addressing the City Council directly. MCEA members are also encouraged to attend.

A second day of mediation is scheduled for March 3, 2008.

We are hopeful the City Council will authorize management negotiators to offer retroactive salary and benefits, which we know is so critically important to MCEA members that no agreement will ever be possible without this.

Any MCEA member interested in participating in a job action/strike committee please contact MCEA President Tom McCarthy at (209) 342-8107 or the MCEA director in your region during non-working hours."



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