



CITY OF MARTINEZ

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
September 5, 2007**

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Joann Tool, Deputy Director, Parks and Community Service
Karen L. Majors, Assistant City Manager Com. & Econ. Development
Tim Tucker, City Engineer

SUBJECT: Municipal Pool

DATE: August 31, 2007

RECOMMENDATION:

Based upon written confirmation from the Contra Costa County Health Department (CCCHD), adopt resolution rejecting the bids for the pool project, request the Parks and Recreation Commission to provide a recommendation on reprogramming the State Park Bond Funds to other park renovation projects and direct staff to develop a plan for the future of the municipal pool.

BACKGROUND:

The Martinez Municipal Pool was built in 1947 as a World War II Veterans Memorial. It has served the community well over the past 60 years, with no major renovations. Some plumbing was redone in 1968, the filters were refurbished in 1975 and the bathrooms and lobby were reconfigured in 1988.

The pool facility has three separate pools, the wading pool, lap pool, and diving tank. The three pools are linked together by a single pump and sand filtration system that runs from the wading pool through the lap pool to the diving tank and back in reverse to the pump. Although the filtration system is currently in good working order, it no longer meets CCCHD standards.

For the past five years, the CCCHD has allowed us to use the outdated filtration system because the quality of our water exceeds all standards. However, during his last inspection, the health inspector determined that our filtration system could no longer be “grandfathered,” and he issued an inspection report notifying us that municipal pool could not open for the 2008 season without the separation of the existing filtration and pumping system. What this means is that each pool would have to be separated from the current system and outfitted with new plumbing, filter, pump, heater, and chemical control system.

In addition, our pool facility does not meet current ADA standards. When the construction work is done to separate the current pool filtration system into 3 separate systems, our entire municipal pool facility will likely need to be brought up to disability access requirements.

The City sent a letter to the CCCHD requesting an extension of time to fund, design and undertake the construction necessary to separate the current pool filtration system. The letter states that City staff would “scope the project, prepare cost estimates and most importantly identify funding sources” and “propose this project to the City Council as part of the 2009-11CIP Budget”. The CCCHD sent the City a letter confirming our approach to address the filtration separation requirement today (copies of both letters are included as attachments).

Currently, work is scheduled to resurface and retile the lap pool. This work was to be paid for with State Bond funds in the amount of \$220,000 and was scheduled to be completed prior to the 2008 swim season. Bids were opened and the responsible bidder was identified.

With written confirmation from the CCCHD on the extension of time granted to separate the filtration system and the requirement that State Bond funds be used on capital projects with at least a 5 year useful life, staff believes it is not prudent to proceed with this resurfacing and retiling project at this time. If this work is done at all, it makes better sense that it be done at the same time as the filtration separation work.

Finally, staff also recommends that cost estimates to design and construct an new pool facility be developed given its age and the need to do make filtration system upgrades that may trigger further improvements including ADA compliance.

Staff also recommends that the City Council ask the Parks and Recreation Commission to provide a recommendation on the reprogramming of these funds because they must be expended by July 1, 2008.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost to completely renovate the current pool facility or construct a new facility that meets all current codes is estimated to be between six and ten million dollars, however, these estimates need to be updated.

ACTION:

Based upon written confirmation from the Contra Costa County Health Department, adopt resolution rejecting the bids for the pool project, request the Parks and Recreation Commission to provide a recommendation on reprogramming the State Park Bond Funds to other park renovation projects and direct staff to develop a plan for the future of the pool.

ATTACHMENTS: Draft Resolution, Letter to Co. Co. Co. Health Department, Response letter from Co. Co. Co. Health Department

APPROVED BY:



City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. -07

REJECTING THE BIDS FOR THE
RANKIN PARK LAP POOL RENOVATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City will advertise for bids for the lining of the Rankin Park lap pool and other improvements (Project); and

WHEREAS, bids were publicly opened on August 2, 2007; and

WHEREAS, plans and specification for the Project were submitted to Contra Costa Health Services, Contra Costa Environmental Health (CCHS), for review in 2006; and

WHEREAS, the City received a response to plan submittal from CCHS in 2006 indicating no permit or further review was required for the project; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the opening of bids the Project CCHS has put the City on notice of requirement for major renovations of the pool in the near future; and

WHEREAS, said improvements would be rendered useless as part of any major renovation project at the pool; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed in the best interest of the public and the City to use the funds originally programmed for this project towards other eligible park improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Martinez reject all bids and not award a contract for the Rankin Lap Pool Renovations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the City Council direct staff and the Park and Recreation Commission provide a revised recommendation for the expenditure of the funds in a timely manner.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Martinez at a Regular Meeting of said Council held on the 5th day of September, 2007 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

RICHARD G. HERNANDEZ, CITY CLERK
CITY OF MARTINEZ



City of Martinez

525 Henrietta Street, Martinez, CA 94553-2394

August 23, 2007

Contra Costa Health Services
CCEH Division
2120 Diamond Blvd., Suite 200
Concord, CA 94520

Attn.: Mr. Joe Doser, Jr.

Re: City of Martinez Aquatic Complex

Dear Mr. Doser:

Thank you for your August 16, 2007 letter. Contra Costa Environmental Health has requested that the City of Martinez provide separate treatment systems for all three pools at our aquatics complex. As you recognized, this task cannot be funded and completed prior to the start of the next swim season. However, the City is committed to begin the planning process now and complete this work at the earliest time frame possible.

Currently there are no funds that have been budgeted for this work in the City's recently adopted 2 year Budget for the 2007-08 and 2008-09 fiscal years. The next biennial budget will be for Fiscal Years 2009-11 with anticipated adoption in June of 2009. Over the next year staff will need to scope the project, prepare cost estimates and most importantly identify funding sources. With this letter City staff is committing to propose to the City Council, with the FY 2009-11 budget, adoption of the requested project.

Thank you for the opportunity to work with your department on this effort. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding the process outlined in this letter.

Sincerely,

Karen L. Majors
Assistant City Manager
Community and Economic Development

cc:
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August 29, 2007

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RE: Martinez Municipal Pools
105 Buckley St.

Dear Ms. Majors:

I am in receipt of your letter dated August 23, 2007, regarding the Martinez Municipal Pools. Contra Costa Environmental Health does recognize that providing separate treatment systems for each of the three pools at this swim complex will require significant time and planning. The time frames specified in your letter appear reasonable. If at any stage of the planning process for this important upgrade you need the assistance of our agency, please feel free to contact us.

In the interim it is recommended the operation of the pools include increased monitoring of chemical levels (e.g., free chlorine and pH) in representative areas of the pools. Flow rates should approach a six-hour turnover time to the greatest degree possible within the constraints of the existing treatment works.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (925) 646-5225, ext. 211.

Sincerely,



Joseph G. Doser, Jr., R.E.H.S.
Supervising Environmental Health Specialist

cc: Sherman Quinlan, Director of Environmental Health
Richard Lee, Assistant Director of Environmental Health

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