

July 18, 2006

**MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council convened in an adjourned regular session at 5:31 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18, 2006 in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Brewer, McIntyre, Sutherland, Witkowsky, and Mayor Scotto.

Absent: Councilmember Nowatka.

Also Present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Fellows, City Clerk Herbers, and other staff representatives

Agenda Item 17 was considered out of order at this time.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council immediately recessed to closed session to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney on agenda matters listed under 17A) Conference with Labor Negotiator; 17B) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation; and 17C) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator, pursuant to California Government Sections 54957.6, 54956.9(a) and 54956.8.

The Council reconvened in Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

2. FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Brewer.

Councilmember Witkowsky gave the non-sectarian invocation.

3. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/WAIVE FURTHER READING

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Nowatka).

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved that after the City Clerk has read aloud the number and title to any resolution or ordinance on the meeting agenda, the further reading thereof shall be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilmember the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Nowatka).

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN AND DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Scotto asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Florence Foreman Smith, longtime manager of the Torrance office of the California Economic Development Department.

City Manager Jackson reminded everyone that beginning July 26 it will be mandatory to dial 1+ area code when dialing from land lines within the 310 area code.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

7A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 16 AND MAY 23, 2006**

7B. **APPROVAL OF FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 62670**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Community Development Director** that City Council approve Final Tract Map No. 62670, creating six (6) detached condominium units on three (3) lots, subdivided by Mark LaCharite Homes, Inc., and located at 18512 - 18520 Mansel Avenue, which substantially conforms to and meets all conditions of approval of the Tentative Map.

7C. **RELEASE OF BOND FOR TRACT MAP NO. 60011**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Community Development Director** that City Council approve the release of a \$15,000 cash bond for Tract Map No. 60011, which was subdivided by Redondo Thornburgh, LLC and located at 3864 Redondo Beach Boulevard.

7D. **MAP OF ECONOMIC CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Clerk** and the **City Attorney** that City Council receive and file the Map of Economic Conflicts of Interest disclosing property within the City of Torrance owned by City Council members and City Planning Commissioners. (Companion to Redevelopment Agency item)

7E. **COOPERATIVE PURCHASE OF VEHICLES WITH STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** that City Council authorize the purchase of eleven (11) vehicles as cooperative purchases with the State of California. Total purchase price including sales tax, tire fees and delivery charges is \$150,681.43. In addition, a 2.48% service charge in the amount of \$3,439.59 is payable to the State for participation in these contracts.

7F. **PURCHASE ORDER RE WHEEL LOADER**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** that City Council authorize a purchase order to Scott Equipment Company of Fontana, CA in the amount of \$100,782.41 (includes sales tax) to furnish one (1) New Holland Model LW130.b Wheel Loader.

7G. **CONTRACT FOR REPAIRS AT BENSTEAD PLUNGE**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** that City Council:

- 1) Award a contract to Long Beach Acoustics for \$21,340 with a 5% contingency of \$1,067 for replacement of the ceiling tile at the Plunge (FEAP #184);
- 2) Award a contract to Horst Electric for \$10,689.51 with a 5% contingency of \$535 for a lighting upgrade at the Plunge;
- 3) Approve a 10% project management fee of \$3,203; and
- 4) Appropriate \$6,834.51 from the Building Maintenance and Facilities Fund.

7H. AGREEMENT RE BILL REVIEW SERVICES - WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Human Resources Director** that City Council approve an agreement with StrataCare for bill review services for the Workers' Compensation Program from August 1, 2006 through July 31, 2007 with a one year option to renew the agreement until July 31, 2008, amount not to exceed \$175,000 per fiscal year.

7I. PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR POLICE UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Chief of Police** that City Council authorize a purchase agreement to Gall's/Long Beach Uniform of Long Beach, CA, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000, for the purchase of the department's annual requirement of police uniforms and equipment on an as needed basis. The purchase order will be for a 12-month term, beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007, to coincide with the fiscal year.

7J. PURCHASE ORDER FOR PARAMEDIC SUPPLIES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Fire Chief** that City Council authorize a purchase order be issued to Bound Tree Medical, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$67,000 to furnish paramedic supplies on an as requested basis for the period of one (1) year from July 19, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

7K. SALE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Considered separately, see page 5.

7L. PURCHASE OF EXCESS WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Human Resources Director** that City Council approve the purchase of excess workers' compensation insurance from CSAC Excess Insurance Authority/American Reinsurance, through Driver-Alliant Insurance Services, the City's insurance broker, at a premium not to exceed \$143,014. The policy period will be July 1, 2006 to July 1, 2007.

7M. CONTRACTS FOR MEDICAL SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Human Resources Director** that City Council:

- 1) Approve a contract for medical services with the Medical Institute of Little Company of Mary for of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007, in an amount not to exceed \$115,000; and
- 2) Approve a contract for medical services with Western Medical Center for July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007, in an amount not to exceed \$28,000.

7N. AGREEMENT RE UPDATE OF PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (I-47)

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Public Works Director** that City Council:

- 1) Approve a consulting services agreement with Nichols Consulting Engineers, Chtd. in the amount of \$50,800 to update the City's Pavement Management System, (I-47); and
- 2) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to said agreement.

70. AGREEMENT RE FY 2007-2011 RESIDENTIAL CURB, GUTTER & SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT (I-93)

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Public Works Director** that City Council:

- 1) Award a consulting services agreement in the amount of \$37,170 to CBM Consulting, Inc. of Gardena, CA to perform design services for the Fiscal Year 2007-2011 Residential Curb, Gutter & Sidewalk Replacement, I-93;
- 2) Award a contract services agreement in the amount of \$70,000 to Case Land Surveying, Inc. of Orange, CA to perform survey services for the Fiscal Year 2007-2011 Residential Curb, Gutter & Sidewalk Replacement, I-93; and
- 3) Authorize the Mayor to execute and City Clerk to attest to said agreements.

7P. LEASE AGREEMENT FOR DOCUMENT IMAGING SYSTEM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Finance Director** that City Council approve a 60 month lease agreement with GE Capital Public Finance Inc. of Minneapolis, MN for the lease/purchase of one industrial strength document imaging system (Canon imageRUNNER 6570 with E-copy connector) in the amount of \$6,103.74 for a total of \$30,519, as a cooperative purchase with the County of Los Angeles, and the purchase of ten (10) desk top scanners with connection services with IKON Office Solutions of Los Angeles, CA in the amount of \$8,408.86 plus annual maintenance cost of \$1,700.

7Q. EXTENSION OF SERVICE CONTRACT WITH PETERSON HYDRAULICS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** that City Council approve the Second Amendment to the contract with Peterson Hydraulics, Inc. (C2005-228) for a hydraulic hoist replacement extending the term of service from July 31, 2006 to December 31, 2006.

7R. AGREEMENT EXTENSION FOR PLAN CHECKING SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Fire Chief** that City Council authorize the Fire Chief to execute an amendment to consulting services agreement with Tom Litton (C2006-026) for provision of plan checking services to Fire Prevention Division extending the term of the agreement through September 30, 2006.

7S. ENGINE REPAIR AND OVERHAUL OF FIRE ENGINE #125

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** and the **Fire Chief** that City Council authorize payment to Harbor Diesel and Equipment Company ("Harbor Diesel"), of Long Beach CA for performance of an Engine Overhaul on Torrance Fire Engine #125. Total costs, including sales tax and 5% contingency funding will not exceed \$27,825.

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 7A through 7S, with the exception of Item 7K. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowski and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Nowatka).

7K. SALE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** that City Council authorize the sale of two (2) surplus/obsolete items of equipment to the Torrance Unified School District (TUSD) for a total of \$850.

Councilmember Brewer suggested that these items be donated to the school district free of charge.

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to donate two surplus items of equipment to the Torrance Unified School District free of charge. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Nowatka).

11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

11A. AMENDMENT OF MUNICIPAL CODE RE PUBLIC CONSUMPTION AND OPEN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTAINERS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Chief of Police** that City Council adopt an Urgency Ordinance repealing Sections 49.2.6, 45.4.2, 44.3.15, 45.4.8, and 45.4.9 of the Torrance Municipal Code, and adding new Sections 49.2.6, 45.4.2, 44.3.15, 45.4.8, and 45.4.9 of the Torrance Municipal Code, relating to the public consumption and possession of open alcoholic beverage containers.

The **Chief of Police** further recommends that City Council approve the ordinance summary for publication.

Deputy City Attorney Sullivan advised that the proposed amendments correct inconsistencies with State law in the existing ordinance.

Steve Busch, Nadine Circle, requested clarification of the penalties for violating the ordinance.

Deputy City Attorney Sullivan reported that possession of an open alcoholic beverage container will be an infraction and public consumption will be a misdemeanor.

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Nowatka).

URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 3683

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL AND POSSESSION OF OPEN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTAINERS

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved for the adoption of Urgency Ordinance No. 3683. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Nowatka).

11B. EXAMINATION TO FILL POLICE CHIEF POSITION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Manager, Human Resources Director** and the **Civil Service Commission** that City Council approve the examination for Police Chief

to be conducted on a promotional basis provided that the minimum of eight employees meeting the requirements for a promotional examination actually file applications. If fewer than eight employees file, the promotional examination will be canceled and it will be re-advertised on an open competitive basis.

Police Chief Herren reported that there are several well-qualified candidates for this position within the Torrance Police Department.

Human Resources Manager Lawrence provided clarification regarding the application process.

Councilmember Witkowsky requested that written notices of the promotional examination be given to all qualified employees.

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Nowatka).

11C. RENEWAL OF EXCESS LIABILITY INSURANCE.

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Human Resources Director** that City Council approve the renewal purchase of two layers of excess liability insurance for the period of July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007. The primary coverage of \$10,000,000 will be provided by Everest National/ANIMAL at a premium of \$192,412 and a secondary layer of coverage of \$10,000,000 will be provided by Traders and Pacific Insurance Company at a premium of \$92,857, which is a combined premium of \$285,269.

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Nowatka).

11D. PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT/ CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT RE CITYWIDE SIDEWALK RAMPING/ GRINDING PROJECT, PHASE IX

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Public Works Director** that City Council:

- 1) Accept the bid and award a standard public works agreement approved as to form by the City Attorney, to Hardy & Harper, Inc. in the amount of \$295,510 for Phase IX of the Sidewalk Ramping and Grinding Project; and authorize a 5% contingency for this agreement in the amount of \$14,775.50;
- 2) Approve a standard consulting services agreement approved as to form by the City Attorney, with Project Partners in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 for project inspection and authorize a 5% contingency in the amount of \$4,000; and
- 3) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to said agreement.

Project Manager Wisz explained that this project provides for the systematic inspection of City sidewalks and repair of vertical displacements to prevent pedestrian injuries, noting that the number of slip and fall incidents has diminished significantly since its inception. He noted supplemental material correcting the term of the agreement.

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved to concur with the staff recommendation as amended to state that the agreement may be extended up to four (4) times for up to 12 months at a time. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Nowatka).

11E. AMENDMENT OF MUNICIPAL CODE RE ISSUANCE OF BUSINESS LICENSES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Chief of Police** that City Council adopt an Ordinance clarifying the existing Municipal Code to insure that business licenses are not issued for the provision of any service, good, or product that is illegal under California or Federal law.

Police Lieutenant Picker reported that the proposed ordinance clarifies that the City will not issue a business license to any business that provides goods or services that are illegal under California or Federal law and noted that it requires that a business license applicant sign a declaration certifying that the product or service being provided is legal.

Councilmember Witkowsky questioned how the proposed amendment would affect facilities that dispense marijuana for medical reasons.

Assistant City Attorney Pohl advised that the proposed ordinance simply clarifies the City's existing ordinance and would not affect a person's ability to obtain marijuana pursuant to the Compassionate Use Act from an authorized provider.

Assistant Finance Director Flewellyn clarified that non-profit organizations applying for business licenses must provide documentation from the State and Federal government confirming their non-profit status and that there would most likely be an inspection of a medical marijuana dispensary's facilities to confirm that they are in compliance with all applicable regulations before a business license could be issued.

In response to Councilmember Brewer's inquiry, Assistant City Attorney Pohl reported that doctors may not prescribe marijuana and pharmacies may not dispense it because the Federal government does not recognize it as having any medicinal value.

Mayor Scotto noted that phone calls were received from Margaret Miller and June Lee on this matter.

Amanda Brazel, L.A. County field coordinator for Americans for Safe Access, expressed concerns that the proposed ordinance would effectively ban access to medical marijuana and create a hardship for those patients who rely on it. She explained that other cities have enacted regulations, i.e. requiring medical marijuana facilities to be a certain distance from schools/residences, to ensure the safety of the community. She noted that the dispensation of medical marijuana is legal under California law and maintained that there was no reason to allow Federal law to trump State law, citing U.S. Supreme Court decisions on this issue.

Assistant City Attorney Pohl advised that Federal law does trump State law in this matter and provided clarification regarding the U.S. Supreme Court rulings cited. He noted that some California cities have addressed medical marijuana dispensaries as a land-use issue and enacted a moratorium in order to determine appropriate zoning, however, the Torrance Police Department was not recommending this approach.

Bob Burrill, San Pedro, stated that the proposed ordinance would ban the dispensation of medical marijuana in Torrance and he did not believe that was the Council's intention. He explained that the Federal government does not grant non-profit status to medical marijuana dispensaries and that State law does not allow them to operate "for profit," but does allow them to accept a reasonable fee for providing the medicine to the patient. He suggested that verification of a dispensary's not-for-profit status could be a means of regulating them under the City's existing business license

ordinance. He reported that L.A. County recently passed regulations setting aside a separate business classification for medical marijuana dispensaries and that he believed that this was the most effective way to deal with this issue. He contended that banning dispensaries would create a serious hardship for the many people in the South Bay who need medical marijuana.

Councilmember McIntyre questioned whether any statistics were available concerning the number of people in Torrance currently using medical marijuana. Ms. Brazel responded that she didn't have information specific to the area but there are tens of thousands of patients statewide in need of it.

Commissioner Brewer related his understanding that the City would have no way of verifying that those purchasing the marijuana had a legitimate medical need should dispensaries be licensed.

Assistant City Attorney Pohl advised that the City would not be involved in verifying eligibility, but noted that L.A. County does have a mechanism for issuing identification cards.

Bonnie Mae Barnard, resident, stated that she is strongly anti-drug but became convinced that there is a genuine need for medical marijuana after witnessing the pain of a neighbor with terminal cancer and urged the Council to reconsider the proposed ordinance.

Chris Strong, resident, stated that the existing dispensary in Torrance has very rigid rules regarding eligibility and will not dispense marijuana without verification from a doctor. He related his experience that marijuana has fewer side effects than pharmaceutical pain relievers.

Voicing support for the proposed ordinance, Councilmember Witkowsky indicated that she would not object to the dispensation of medical marijuana in Torrance if it were handled by the L.A. County Health Department.

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and failed to pass as reflected in the following roll call vote:

- AYES: Councilmembers Brewer, Witkowsky and Mayor Scotto
- NOES: Councilmembers McIntyre and Sutherland
- ABSENT: Councilmember Nowatka

Councilmember Brewer expressed an interest in bringing this item forward when the full Council is present.

City Attorney Fellows recommended that the Council wait until the next meeting at which time Councilmember Nowatka may request that it be placed on a future agenda if he wishes to do so.

11F. AGREEMENT RE TORRANCE BOULEVARD REHABILITATION/ STORM DRAIN PROJECT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Public Works Director** that City Council:

- 1) Award a consulting services agreement in the amount of \$335,170 to Plotnik & Associates of Rancho Dominguez, CA to perform design services for the Torrance Boulevard Rehabilitation (Sartori Avenue to west City limit), T-43/44 and Torrance Boulevard Storm Drains, I-96; and
- 2) Authorize the Mayor to execute and City Clerk to attest to said agreement.

Project Manager Bilezerian discussed the scope of the Torrance Boulevard Rehabilitation/ Storm Drain Project, noting that it will include enhancements to the Torrance Boulevard/Maple Avenue intersection to increase capacity and the installation of handicapped-accessible curb ramps along Torrance Boulevard from Sartori Avenue to the west City limit.

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Nowatka).

11G. AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION FOR CERTAIN FULL-TIME SALARIED AND HOURLY EMPLOYEES RE AREA G EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Manager** that City Council adopt a resolution amending Resolution No. 2005-117 for Certain Full Time Salaried and Hourly Employees to implement a salary increase to the Area G Executive Director.

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Nowatka).

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-58

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2005-82 SETTING FORTH CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR CERTAIN FULL TIME SALARIED AND HOURLY EMPLOYEES

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2006-58. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Nowatka).

11H. TORRANCE RECURRENT RECREATION EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Manager** that City Council adopt the Memorandum of Understanding Resolution setting forth hours, wages and working conditions for employees represented by Torrance Recurrent Recreation Employees Organization (TRREO) for the period July 1, 2006 to February 28, 2007.

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Nowatka).

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-59

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE RECURRENT RECREATION EMPLOYEES (TRREO) FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2006, THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2007 AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2005-76

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2006-59. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Nowatka).

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The Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 8:02 p.m. to 8:04 p.m.

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16. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

16A. City Clerk Herbers invited staff and public to view the works of Torrance Artist Guild member Geraldine Jaffe on display in the City Clerk's office for the month of July.

16B. Councilmember Brewer announced that the Torrance Historical Society would be hosting a free walking tour of historical old Torrance on Sunday, July 23, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

16C. Councilmember Brewer also announced National Night Out on August 1, 2006 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., with additional information available by calling the Torrance Police Community Affairs office at 310.618.6392.

16D. Councilmember Brewer commended two Torrance Transit employees, Frieda King, Bus Operator of the Quarter, and Roberto Ramirez, Torrance Transit Employee of the Month.

16E. Councilmember Sutherland noted that he attended the Torrance Transit Awards and commended the employees honored for going above and beyond their regular duties.

16F. Councilmember Sutherland proposed that staff look into having a once-a-year reception for all City commissioners, so that the Council could get to know the commissioners better and thank them for their service.

Mayor Scotto suggested that the holidays might be a good time to reinstate an annual commission reception.

16G. Councilmember Witkowsky requested that a hand-held microphone be available for public use at the podium at all times.

16H. Councilmember Witkowsky suggested that the City find a means to alert seniors about the health risks of overheating, noting that recent high temperatures have resulted in deaths in other parts of California.

City Manager Jackson indicated that notices could be added to CitiCable and radio programming over the next several days.

Fire Chief Bongard offered to have the Fire Department's Public Education Officer prepare a segment on this topic and stressed the need to drink extra fluids in order to remain hydrated during hot weather.

16I. Councilmember Witkowsky asked that staff investigate the possibility that medical marijuana could be dispensed at L.A. County Health Department clinics.

City Manager Jackson recalled that the L.A. County Board of Supervisors addressed the licensing of medical marijuana dispensaries, but elected not to become involved in the actual dispensation. He offered to verify Board's action on this issue and report back to the Council.

