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## Council opts for applications, interviews to fill vacant seat

**By Pippa Fisher** 



All four members of the city council, from left: Council Member Susan Candell, Vice Mayor Mike Anderson, Mayor Cam Burks, and Council Member Teresa Gerringer listen to public comment at the Dec. 19 meeting.

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Ato decide how best to fill the cil that includes two brand new vacant fifth seat on the city council, members faced a tough decision. resulted in a unanimous decision to views in early January.

untimely passing of Council Memprompted many in the community third placed candidate, former city many others are calling for the city to honor the way in which councils have traditionally acted in such situations, by taking applications council members as they took puband going through an interview lic comment. process.

two years of the term remaining, the council must appoint a new member rather than hold a special election. But that's where the legal guidelines end. With a community divided following a bitterly campaigned election fuelled by negative and sometimes false comments

special meeting, held Dec. 19 on social media, the new city coun-

Should the timing be taken into accept applications and hold inter- account, given that voters had just spoken and that Samson had gar-The seat became vacant on the nered 4,641 votes, only 590 votes eve of the Nov. 6 election with the behind the second place candidate? Would he have been elected had ber Mark Mitchell. The timing has voters been asked to elect for three spots? Is it more transparent to to call for simply appointing the hold open interviews with further public input even if the end result council member Ivor Samson. But is the same? Should the city use the method of interviews that has worked in the past? These considerations were on the minds of the

The council, which had previ-Because there are fewer than ously heard comments from 30 members of the public at the regular Dec. 10 meeting, once again took comments from close to as many people in addition to the many emails, letters and online comments they had received on the subject. ... continued on Page A10

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**Terry Ring named Lafayette Business Person of the Year By Pippa Fisher** 



We are thankful to our clients who have entrusted us to buy or sell their homes in 2018. Happy Holidays!





From left: Terry Ring and Dana Green

his year's Business Person of residents in Lafayette that always take place at the Lafayette Park Director Jay Lifson. Hotel and Spa on Feb. 1.

Green, made the announcement on behalf of the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce Dec. 20. The selection was made by current Chamber President Kathy Merchant, incoming President Christina Alba and by Green, from seven nominations.

"Not only did Terry run a successful construction business here in Lamorinda, he is one of those chamber.org/.

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the Year is Terry Ring of La- gravitates to a place where he can fayette's Ring Construction. A din- roll up his sleeves and help," says ner and formal presentation will Chamber of Commerce Executive

Lifson explains, "From the Last year's winner, Dana Rotary Stage at the Reservoir, and the Veterans Memorial to being a founding member of the Iron Man Team volunteering at the Art and Wine Festival, he is always the first one there and the last to leave."

> Details on the Business Person of the Year dinner and registration will soon be available on the Chamber website: https://lafayette-

## **City explores options on** banning flavored tobacco products

## **By Pippa Fisher**

ne of the first agenda items Vice Mayor Cam Burks initiated Dec. 10 meeting concerned a proposed ordinance banning the sale of flavored tobacco products in ous public health crisis in our comthe city. The council voted unani-Anderson absent, to direct city staff to explore options for instituting a ban on FTPs and imposing a tobacco retailers' license. Staff will bring options back to the council in harm to our children. The stakes February.

In the Nov. 26 meeting, then- on us. . .. continued on Page A10

before the new council at the discussion regarding the banning of FTPs.

"I believe we are facing a serimunity. Our school kids, specifically mously, with Vice Mayor Mike at the Lafayette middle school and high school ages, are using flavored tobacco products at an alarming rate; products that based on clear evidence, cause profound medical are enormous and our kids depend



851 Moraga Road, Lafayette \$1,308,000



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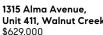
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