

City discusses replacement procedures for council opening

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Srivatsa explained that the process and staff recommendations to appoint a person to fill the position are governed by Government Code section 36512(b), Lafayette Municipal Code section 2-1701, and the Lafayette Resolution that was adopted in 2019. Collectively, the two codes and resolution determine the vacancy must be filled within 60 days and a person appointed by council holds office until the next regularly scheduled municipal election. The city council's next such an election occurs Nov. 8, 2022, and includes three seats, one available for a two-year term, two others are positions held for four-year terms.

Policies adopted by the council in prior years determine that the council announces the vacancy and directs the city clerk to advertise the position for a period of time not to exceed two weeks. Staff recommended the council begin advertising July 13 and close the window for adverts July 30. Interviews for invited candidates would be held on Aug. 19 and 24. A resolution appointing one candidate must be completed by Aug. 30 to meet the 60-day deadline.

Additionally, Burks sat on

two sub-committees: the legislation committee and the public safety committee. Swift action to fill those positions due to upcoming considerations and reviews regarding spending/city budgets and recommendations received by the council relating to public safety had staff recommending the council vote immediately to appoint new members to the vacancies.

In later action, Vice Mayor Theresa Gerringer was unanimously appointed to the legislation committee and Council Member Gina Dawson was nominated and appointed by unanimous vote to the public safety committee.

After directing several questions to Srivatsa, Administrative Services Director Tracy Robinson, and legal advisor Scott Smith, the process was summarized and steps outlined: announce the vacancy; advertise for a two week period; accept applications now through Aug. 12; council to draft interview questions in preparation for a July 26 city council open session discussion of the proposed questions; schedule and conduct interviews with invited candidates on Aug. 19 and 24; and on Aug. 30, adopt the resolution to fill the vacancy with the selected candidate.

Citywide Sidewalk Sale planned for end of July



Image provided

By Lou Fancher

The Lafayette Citywide Sidewalk Sale July 31 welcomes shoppers back to downtown retail, service and food establishments and serves as a one-day warm-up for the city's biggest fall event, the Lafayette Art & Wine Festival.

To incentivize people who might otherwise be slow self-starters on a sleepy Saturday morning on the last day of July, the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce's Welcome Back Lafayette committee will host a launch party in the Plaza Park Plaza from 10 to 11 a.m. With coffee donated by Peet's Coffee, breakfast goodies that come from Local Kitchens and include bagels and lox from Wise Sons and breakfast burritos from Bacon Bacon, there's good reason to sip and munch while plotting a day supporting local businesses.

While emerging from coronavirus shutdowns and limits on capacity in mid-June, Chamber Executive Director Jay Lifson says, "Lafayette businesses prepared (well) and were mostly ready when June 15th came around. I give credit to our businesses and

our community for playing by the rules and keeping each other out of harm's way."

At the outdoor breakfast gathering on the morning of the sidewalk sale, masks and hand sanitizer will be available. In participating shops and restaurants, Lifson says current guidelines and protocols developed by the CDC along with the California Department of Public Health – and followed within Contra Costa County – will be honored. "Every business has the right to require that people wear masks and no one will be asked to remove a mask. We will have signage that reflects that if you have not been fully vaccinated or can not be vaccinated you must wear a mask indoors at all times and keep social distancing and also, wear a mask outdoors when you are closer than six feet from others, or when not eating or drinking," says Lifson. "Every year our single highest purpose is to make sure we produce a safe and clean environment for our attendees, our vendors and our volunteers at our community events."

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Lafayette Public Meetings

City Council

Regular Meeting
Monday, July 26, 7 p.m.
Teleconference via City of Lafayette's YouTube Channel:
<http://bit.ly/LoveLafayetteYouTube>

Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, Aug. 2, 7 p.m.
Teleconference Meeting via Love Lafayette YouTube
<http://bit.ly/LoveLafayetteYouTube>

Design Review

Wednesday, July 28, 7 p.m. Zoom
Teleconference Meeting via Love Lafayette YouTube
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