

Capitola Government Changes Coming

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Capitola's new City Council is expected Tuesday night to adopt ordinances limiting council terms and changing the selection procedure for planning commissioners.

Outgoing Councilmen John Dixon and Hill Nelson and Mayor Tom Mason will take their seats for the final time to approve the minutes of the last council meeting and canvass the vote from last Tuesday's election.

In addition, Mason will appoint the final member of a special board to hear Police Sgt. Dennis Syfers' appeal of a 15-day suspension late last year. The appeals hearing is set for Thursday at 7 p.m. at city hall.

Mason also will appoint a member from the public to sit on a four-member panel to interview police chief candidates on Saturday.

Both appointments must be ratified by the old City Council, then all names will be resubmitted to the new City Council for both boards sit at the pleasure of the mayor.

Selection of a new mayor will be one of the first orders of business of the new council.

The former City Council began the work on the or-

dinances to limit council members to two terms and to provide for each council member to name one member of the Planning Commission, but delayed adoption for the seating of the new City Council.

The ordinance has been written with a grandfather clause which considers current council members (Graves and Routh) to have served one term regardless of their years on the

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council.

If the Planning Commission appointment procedure is adopted, the city soon could have an entirely new commission.

The current selection method is to advertise openings and interview applicants with selection made by the mayor with concurrence of the council.

The new method would be for each council member to select one member of the Planning Commission.

New council members have indicated support of the ordinance.

Another major item on the Tuesday night agenda will be a progress report on the search for a new police chief by Richard Hughes of Hughes-Heiss and Associates of San Mateo.

The consultant firm was hired to conduct the search in January when the City Council administratively dismissed Chief Martin Berghold.

Finally, the council will be requested to issue a parade permit for the People for a Nuclear-Free Future.

Spring Fair On SC Agenda

Street and sewer improvements, abandonment of part of Coloma Street for a new county jail and an application to hold the Spring Fair on the San Lorenzo Park benchlands will be considered by the Santa Cruz City Council Tuesday at a two-session meeting in the city hall council chambers.

The street and sewer improvements will be considered during the first session, which begins at 4 p.m. The council will take a dinner break at around 6 p.m., then reconvene

at 7:30 to deal with the controversial jail and Spring Fair questions.

The street improvements are part of a long-range public works program to bring all city streets up to standards. Improvements generally include street paving, sidewalks, gutters and curbs. However, a requirement for the sidewalks, gutters or curbs can be dropped by the council. Costs are borne both by the city and affected property owners, with funding arranged through assessment

district proceeds. However, ever, the county would be unable to build the jail at the chosen site across Water Street if the council does not agree to abandon a part of Coloma Street, which is needed for the complex.

The council has not opposed construction of the jail but has several times expressed concern about its design. And the council has before it minutes of a recent Planning Commission meeting at which the commissioners expressed sharp dis-

appointment with the Santa Cruz Jaycees, earlier this year indicated it might shift the fair to Scotts Valley to accommodate more than 700 exhibitors and many thousands of visitors. However, the Jaycees are applying to hold the fair once again primarily on the San Lorenzo Park benchlands.

Proceeds from the Spring Fair are used by the Jaycees to further its numerous public service programs countywide.

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