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Cam Burks steps down as Lafayette mayor



Mayor Cam Burks will continue to serve on the city council after he steps down as mayor April 20. Photo Pippa Fisher

Mayor Cam Burks is stepping down from the mayoral role as of April 20. He will continue to serve out his term on the council.

Burks, who is four months into his first term as mayor, made the announcement at the end of the April 8 Lafayette City Council meeting, explaining that he has taken a new professional opportunity that he described as a "tremendous opportunity in my private life" that will demand his time.

"Starting this endeavor successfully, along with my primary commitment of being an actively present and supportive dad and husband (the most important value in my life), are absolutely huge," he explained, continuing, "Our mayor should be able to commit to the position 100-plus percent (of which my past mayor colleagues have done so ably), and I just won't be able to do this given these circumstances."

Burks expressed appreciation to city staff and to his colleagues on the council. "I'm profoundly thankful to my council colleagues, city staff and community for the unbelievable support (and fun). I intend to remain fully engaged and will complete my term as a council member through 2020."

Burks spoke of the honor and privilege it has been for him to serve Lafayette. "Certainly the most rewarding four months I've had in public service," he said referring to all the residents he has met at the many coffee mornings, reservoir walks and business visits he has taken part in.

Replacing Burks as mayor will be on the agenda for the next council meeting.

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