

SLT to discuss future of city manager, city attorney

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The South Lake Tahoe City Council on April 17 is expected to make progress on finding a city manager and city attorney.

Mayor Wendy David at last week's meeting asked for the topic to be put on the next agenda.

Since then Fire Chief Jeff Meston has **tendered his resignation** as acting city manager.

David told *Lake Tahoe News* she expects the agenda item to be written in such a way that short-term and long-term solutions for that position can be discussed. She also wants to discuss whether to hire in-house counsel or a firm to handle the legal issues.

While the midyear budget was discussed at the April 3 meeting, little was agreed to. What wasn't in the proposal from staff was hiring an interim city manager because it was assumed Meston would do it through September without added compensation.

The electeds next week should also have multiple recruiting firms from which to choose. It remains to be seen if the same firm can be used for both positions.

"I'm very appreciative of him stepping up to perform as our acting city manager, while also holding two other positions at same time," David said of Meston. "It's been a strain on his time. I understand he has other priorities and that we need to look for an interim city manager."

The vacancy was created earlier this year when the council opted to sever ties with City Manager Nancy Kerry for

undisclosed reasons.