

# There's a surprise for Ken Goode

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EAST PALO ALTO — The Municipal Council, which was surprised two months ago by the resignation of Administrator Ken Goode, had a surprise for Goode today.

It has decided to accept his resignation — effective 10 months before Goode intended to leave office.

Goode was to be given a letter today that accepts his resignation and informs him that his last day on the job will be July 30 or 31, according to council Chairman Brad Stamper.

Goode, however, had not heard of the council's unanimous decision to ask him to leave in July. He had planned to make his resignation effective next April.

Goode said he would make no comment on his resignation or the

council's action until he had seen the letter.

Stamper had said he planned to speak with Goode before word of the council's decision slipped out.

The council met earlier this week to map out a schedule for finding a new administrator to replace Goode.

Members of the council unanimously decided they wanted to hire a new administrator by the end of July to fill Goode's post, whose salary range is as high as \$36,000 a year.

The council, which is an advisory board to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, has the authority to hire and fire its own administrator.

Its choice, however, must be approved by the supervisors, who pay the administrator's salary, said Steve Boles, principal management analyst with the San Mateo County Personnel Division.

But the supervisors' policy is to concur with a decision by the Municipal Council on its choice of new administrators, Boles said.

The council is anxious to find a replacement for Goode before November, when the community is scheduled to vote on incorporation.

Goode's resignation came, in part, because of his frustration with the community's campaign for cityhood, which has created tension among council members and administrators, according to one member of the council.

Goode resigned April 14, after about three years on the job, when he slipped a letter of resignation, without explanation, on Stamper's desk.

Goode said his resignation would not be effective until April 1981 to give the council time to find a replacement.