



**City of Elizabeth City  
Historical Listing of Elected Officials  
Mayors 1886 – Present  
City Councilors 1970 - Present**

<b>1886 – 1888</b>	Mayor George M. Scott
<b>1888 – 1895</b>	Mayor W. C. Glover
<b>1895 – 1897</b>	Mayor C. C. Pool
<b>1897 – 1899</b>	Mayor C. A. Banks
<b>1899 – 1905</b>	Mayor Tully B. Wilson
<b>1905 – 1907</b>	Mayor J. Bushrod Leigh
<b>1907 – 1909</b>	Mayor C. Everett Thompson
<b>1909 – 1911</b>	Dr. Zenas Fearing, Mayor
<b>1911 – 1913</b>	Mayor Jerome B. Flora, Sr.
<b>1913 – 1915</b>	Mayor Thomas P. Nash
<b>1915 – 1919</b>	Mayor Phillip C. Sawyer
<b>1919 – 1921</b>	Mayor William C. Gaither, Sr.
<b>1921 – 1925</b>	Mayor W. Ben Goodwin
<b>1925 – 1927</b>	Mayor Aubrey G. McCabe
<b>1927 – 1947</b>	Mayor Jerome B. Flora, Jr.
<b>1947 - 1950</b>	Mayor Jerry J. Hughes
<b>1950 – 1951</b>	Mayor Sam A. Twiford
<b>1951 – 1955</b>	Mayor W. Elton Aydlett
<b>1955 – 1957</b>	Mayor Lemuel S. Blades, Jr.

**1957 – 1964**

Mayor Levin B. Culpepper

**1964 – 1967**

Mayor W. E. Ingram

**1967 – 1971**

Mayor J. Holland Webster

**January 5, 1970 (Starting Point for Full Council Member Listing)**

Mayor J. Holland Webster

C. E. Richardson

T. S. Griffin

T. L. Newell, Jr.

C. P. Harris, Jr.

W. G. Williams

A. P. Midgett

W. H. Tunstall

J. W. Foreman

**June 7, 1971**

Mayor John H. Bell, Jr.

C. E. Richardson

D. A. Dunbar

T. S. Griffin

T. L. Newell, Jr.

C. P. Harris, Jr.

W. G. Williams

A. P. Midgett

M. D. Helms, Jr.

**January 7, 1974**

Mayor John H. Bell, Jr.

C. E. Richardson

D. A. Dunbar

T. S. Griffin

T. L. Newell

C. H. Cameron

W. G. Williams

A. P. Midgett

M. D. Helms

**December 1, 1975**

Mayor John H. Bell, Jr.  
C. E. Richardson  
A. F. Heath  
T. S. Griffin  
T. L. Newell, Jr.  
C. H. Cameron  
W. G. Williams  
J. F. Weeks, III  
A. P. Midgett

**January 9, 1978**

Mayor John H. Bell, Jr.  
A. L. Chory  
A. F. Heath  
T. S. Griffin  
T. L. Newell, Jr.  
J. B. Anderson  
W. G. Williams  
A. P. Midgett  
J. F. Weeks, III

**December 18, 1979**

Mayor John H. Bell, Jr.  
A. L. Chory  
A. P. Midgett  
T. S. Griffin  
W. D. Gardner  
J. B. Anderson  
W. G. Williams  
A. C. Berry  
J. F. Weeks, III

**July 6, 1981**

Mayor John H. Bell, Jr.  
A. L. Chory  
A. P. Midgett  
T. S. Griffin  
J. B. Anderson  
W. G. Williams

A. C. Berry  
J. F. Weeks, III  
Garnie Banks - (African-American) (Elected by City Council to replace W. D. Gardner who died while in office)

### **December 7, 1981**

Mayor J. F. Weeks, III (Weeks ran for Mayor and won, leaving a Councilor seat vacant)

A. L. Chory  
A. P. Midgett  
T. S. Griffin  
G. Banks - (African-American)  
J. B. Anderson  
W. G. Williams  
A. C. Berry

### **February 1, 1982**

Mayor J. F. Weeks, III  
A. L. Chory  
A. P. Midgett  
T. S. Griffin  
G. Banks - (African-American)  
J. B. Anderson  
W. G. Williams  
A. C. Berry  
W. L. Hooker (Filled unexpired term of Weeks)

### **November 5, 1984**

Mayor T. L. Newell, Jr.  
L. S. Bell  
A. P. Midgett  
W. L. Hooker  
A. L. Chory  
J. B. Anderson  
G. Banks - (African-American)  
T. S. Griffin  
R. T. Hutchins

**RESOLUTION OF INTENT ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 11, 1985 TO  
CHANGE FORM OF GOVERNMENT TO WARD SYSTEM**

**ORDINANCE ADOPTED ON APRIL 1, 1985 CREATING WARDS**

**WARD SEATS ASSIGNED ON APRIL 9, 1985 WITH YEAR OF SUCCESSOR**

T. S. Griffin	1 <sup>st</sup> Ward	1985
J. B. Anderson	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward	1985
A P. Midgett	3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward	1985
A. L. Chory	4 <sup>th</sup> Ward	1985
L. S. Bell	1 <sup>st</sup> Ward	1987
R. T. Hutchins	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward	1987
W. L. Hooker	3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward	1987
Garnie Banks	4 <sup>th</sup> Ward	1987 - (African-American)

**February 2, 1987**

Mayor T. L. Newell, Jr.  
Garnie Banks - (African-American)  
L. S. Bell  
J. A. Harrington  
W. L. Hooker  
Z. D. Robertson, Jr.  
A. C. Robinson - (African-American)  
G. W. Spivey - (African-American)  
R. T. Hutchins

**December 7, 1987**

Mayor M. R. Daniels, Jr.  
J. A. Harrington  
W. L. Hooker  
J. V. Jenkins  
Z. D. Robertson  
A. C. Robinson - (African-American)  
J. L. Skinner - (African-American)  
G. W. Spivey - (African-American)  
Jimmie Sutton - (African-American)

**December 5, 1988**

Announcement that J. V. Jenkins had passed away.

**February 6, 1989**

Leola W. Morgan (African-American) was appointed to complete the unexpired term of J. V. Jenkins by a vote of 5 – 3. It was noted that she was the runner up

to Mr. Jenkins in the previous election. The 3 nay votes preferred to have a special election. She was sworn in on March 6, 1989

**December 4, 1989**

Mayor S. M. Oman  
H. R. Gardner  
Leola Morgan - (African-American)  
Z. D. Robertson, Jr.  
A. C. Robinson - (African-American)  
L. J. Skinner - (African-American)  
Dorothy Stallings - (African-American)  
Jimmie Sutton - (African-American)  
W. L. Hooker

**December 3, 1991**

Mayor J. A. Harrington  
David Bosomworth  
L. E. Griffin, III  
W. L. Hooker  
Z. D. Robertson, Jr.  
Myrtle Rivers - (African-American)  
Dorothy Stallings - (African-American)  
Jimmie Sutton - (African-American)  
A. C. Robinson - (African-American)

**December 6, 1993**

Mayor H. R. Gardner  
D. P. Bosomworth  
L. E. Griffin, III  
W. L. Hooker  
Anita Hummer  
Myrtle Rivers - (African-American)  
A. C. Robinson - (African-American)  
Dorothy Stallings - (African-American)  
Jimmie Sutton - (African-American)

**December 4, 1995**

Mayor H. R. Gardner  
D. Y. Cherry  
L. E. Griffin, III  
Anita Hummer  
Myrtle Rivers - (African-American)  
Zack D. Robertson, Jr.  
A. C. Robinson, Jr. - (African-American)

Dorothy Stallings - (African-American)  
Jimmie Sutton - (African-American)

**December 1, 1997**

Mayor H. R. Gardner  
D. Y. Cherry  
L. E. Griffin, III  
Myrtle Rivers - (African-American)  
Zack D. Robertson, Jr.  
A. C. Robinson, Jr. - (African-American)  
Darryl Stallings - (African-American)  
Jimmie Sutton - (African-American)  
Jeannie Young

**December 6, 1999**

Mayor Brett J. VanNieuwenhuise  
L. E. Griffin, III  
Anita Hummer  
Kirk Rivers - (African-American)  
A. C. Robinson, Jr. - (African-American)  
J. F. "Skip" Sanders  
Darryl Stallings - (African-American)  
Jimmie Sutton - (African-American)  
Jeannie Young

**November, 2000**

L. E. Griffin, III was elected to the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners

**February 5, 2001**

Cecilia C. Austin was sworn in to fill the unexpired term of L. E. Griffin, III

**As a result of a referendum held on September 15, 1998, the terms of office of City Council Members were changed from four years staggered to two years. On November 9, 1998, Council adopted the required ordinance to effect the change. The two year term limits began when Councilors elected in 2001 took office on December 3, 2001.**

**December 3, 2001**

Mayor John H. Bell, Jr.  
C. C. Austin  
Jean Baker  
W. A. Lehmann  
Kirk Rivers - (African-American)

Zack D. Robertson, Jr.  
A. C. Robinson - (African-American)  
Darryl K. Stallings - (African-American)  
Jimmie Sutton- (African-American)

**December 1, 2003**

Mayor John H. Bell, Jr.  
C. C. Austin  
Jean Baker  
Anita Hummer  
Rickey King - (African-American)  
W. A. Lehmann  
Kirk Rivers - (African-American)  
Darryl Stallings - (African-American)  
Johnnie Walton - (African-American)

**December 12, 2005**

Mayor Charles L. Foster - (*Elizabeth City's First African American Mayor*)  
Jean Baker  
Michael Brooks - (African-American)  
Anita Hummer  
Betty Meggs  
Kirk Rivers - (African-American)  
Darryl Stallings - (African-American)  
Tony Stimatz  
Johnnie Walton – (African-American)

**December 10, 2007**

Mayor Stephen S. Atkinson  
Jean Baker  
Betty Meggs  
Anita Hummer  
Tony Stimatz  
Rickey King – (African-American)  
Volanda Watts - (African-American)  
Kirk Rivers – (African-American)

**April 14, 2008**

Daniel Evans (sworn in after run off election and election-related protests)

**December 14, 2009**

Mayor Roger A. McLean – (African-American)  
Jean Baker

Betty Meggs  
Anita Hummer  
Tony Stimatz  
Rickey King – (African-American)  
Michael Brooks – (African-American)  
Johnnie Walton – (African-American)  
Lena Hill-Lawrence – (African-American)

### **December 12, 2011**

Mayor Joseph W. Peel  
Jean M. Baker  
Raymond T. (Ray) Donnelly  
Anita Hummer  
Tony Stimatz  
Kem K. Spence – (African American)  
Michael Brooks – (African American) ***(Hold over pending Election Protest Decision)***  
Lena Hill-Lawrence – (African American)  
Johnnie Walton – (African American)

Michael Brooks – (African American) – *Sworn in on May 14, 2012 after May 8, 2012 Run-off Election conducted during General Primary (ordered by State Board of Elections)*

### **December 9, 2013**

Mayor Joseph W. Peel  
Jean M. Baker  
Raymond T. (Ray) Donnelly  
Anita Hummer  
Tony Stimatz  
Michael Brooks – (African American)  
Kem K. Spence – (African American)  
Darius J. Horton – (African American)  
Montravias D. King – (African American)

**On March 16, 2015, 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Seat of Montravias D. King was declared vacant pursuant to NCGS §160A-59 by the City Council. A Special Election was called for May 12, 2015.**

Johnnie B. Walton – (African American) *Sworn in on May 21, 2015 after May 12, 2015 Special Election to replace Montravias D. King.*

## **December 14, 2015**

Mayor Joseph W. Peel  
Jean M. Baker  
Raymond T. (Ray) Donnelly  
Anita Hummer  
Tony Stimatz  
Michael Brooks – (African American)  
Rickey E. King – (African American)  
Darius J. Horton – (African American)  
Johnnie M. Walton – (African American)

## **December 11, 2017**

Mayor Bettie J. Parker – (African American)  
Billy Caudle  
Jeannie Young  
Anita Hummer  
Gabriel Adkins – (African American)  
Rickey E. King – Mayor Pro Tem (African American)  
Kem Spence (African American)  
Darius Horton (African American)  
Johnnie Walton (African American)

***This election made history, as Bettie Parker became the first female African American mayor in the City of Elizabeth City. On December 11, 2017, the call for the election of the mayor pro tempore took place during the organizational meeting. Councilman Johnnie Walton received four votes, as did Councilman Rickey King. Mayor Parker broke the tie in favor of Rickey King.***

## **December 9, 2019**

Mayor Bettie J. Parker – (African American)  
Billy Caudle  
Jeannie Young  
Chris Ruffieux  
Gabriel Adkins – (African American)  
Michael Brooks – (African American)  
Darius Horton – (African American)  
Johnnie Walton – Mayor Pro Tem - (African American)

## **May 17, 2022**

Mayor E. Kirk Rivers – (African American)  
Johnson Biggs  
Joseph Peel  
Javis Gibbs – (African American)  
Rose Marie Whitehurst  
Kem Spence – Mayor Pro Tem – (African American)  
Katherine Felton – (African American)  
Barbara Baxter – (African American)  
Johnnie Walton – (African American)

***The 2021 election was postponed by the General Assembly due to redistricting issues within the State of North Carolina. Local elections were postponed from October 2021 until May 17, 2022. The call for the election of the mayor pro tempore was held during the organizational meeting on June 16, 2022. Councilman Kem Spence was unanimously voted into the role of mayor pro tem.***

### **December 11, 2023**

Mayor E. Kirk Rivers – (African American)  
Johnson Biggs  
Joseph Peel  
Javis Gibbs – (African American)  
Rose Marie Whitehurst  
Kem Spence – Mayor Pro Tem – (African American)  
Katherine Felton – (African American)  
Ronnie Morris – (African American)  
Johnnie Walton – (African American)

***The call for the election of the mayor pro tem was held during the organizational meeting on December 11, 2023. Councilman Kem Spence was nominated and approved unanimously to serve as mayor pro tem.***

### **December 8, 2025**

Mayor E. Kirk Rivers – (African American)  
Johnson Biggs – Mayor Pro Tem  
Joseph Peel  
Javis Gibbs – (African American)  
Rose Marie Cartwright  
Kem Spence – (African American)  
Katherine Felton – (African American)  
Ronnie Morris – (African American)

Tim Jackson – (African American)

***The call for the election of the mayor pro tem was held during the organizational meeting on December 8, 2025. Councilman Johnson Biggs was nominated and unanimously approved to serve as mayor pro tem.***