



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

1886 – 1888	Mayor George M. Scott
1888 – 1895	Mayor W. C. Glover
1895 – 1897	Mayor C. C. Pool
1897 – 1899	Mayor C. A. Banks
1899 – 1905	Mayor Tully B. Wilson
1905 – 1907	Mayor J. Bushrod Leigh
1907 – 1909	Mayor C. Everett Thompson
1909 – 1911	Dr. Zenas Fearing, Mayor
1911 – 1913	Mayor Jerome B. Flora, Sr.
1913 – 1915	Mayor Thomas P. Nash
1915 – 1919	Mayor Phillip C. Sawyer
1919 – 1921	Mayor William C. Gaither, Sr.
1921 – 1925	Mayor W. Ben Goodwin
1925 – 1927	Mayor Aubrey G. McCabe
1927 – 1947	Mayor Jerome B. Flora, Jr.
1947 - 1950	Mayor Jerry J. Hughes
1950 – 1951	Mayor Sam A. Twiford
1951 – 1955	Mayor W. Elton Aydlett
1955 – 1957	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 st Ward	1985
J. B. Anderson	2 nd Ward	1985
A P. Midgett	3 rd Ward	1985
A. L. Chory	4 th Ward	1985
L. S. Bell	1 st Ward	1987
R. T. Hutchins	2 nd Ward	1987
W. L. Hooker	3 rd Ward	1987
Garnie Banks	4 th 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 - (African-American)
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, 4th 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.