

**City Council Regular Session
Incumbent City Councilmembers
December 14, 2015**

The City Council of the City of Elizabeth City met in regular session on Monday, December 14, 2015 in the Gaither Family Auditorium at the Museum of the Albemarle, 501 S. Water Street, Elizabeth City, NC. This meeting was the final meeting for the incumbent members of the City Council following the October 2015 municipal election.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Joe Peel
Councilwoman Jean Baker
Councilman Ray Donnelly
Mayor Pro Tem Anita Hummer
Councilman Tony Stimatz
Councilman Michael Brooks
Councilman Kem Spence
Councilman Darius Horton
Councilman Johnnie Walton

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Rich Olson
City Attorney Bill Morgan
Finance Director Sarah Blanchard
Planning Director June Brooks
Police Chief Eddie Buffaloe
Electric Superintendent Karl Clow
Assistant to the Manager Angela Cole
Human Resources Director Katherine Felton
Public Utilities Director Paul Fredette
ECDI Director Wade Nichols
Parks and Recreation Director Bobbi White
City Clerk Vivian White

The City Council regular session was called to order by Mayor Joe Peel at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Peel welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognized Bishop Ernest Sutton to give the invocation. The Elizabeth City Fire Department Color Guard posted the colors after which Mayor Peel led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Agenda Adjustments and Approval:

Mayor Peel requested Council's pleasure regarding approval of the prepared agenda.

Motion was made by Councilman Darius Horton, seconded by Councilman Ray Donnelly, to approve the agenda as presented. Those voting in favor of the motion were: Baker, Donnelly, Hummer, Stimatz, Brooks, Spence, Horton, and Walton. Against: None. The motion carried.

2. Comments from the Public:

No one present requested to be heard.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Mayor Peel called for the Council's pleasure regarding approval of the minutes.

- a. City Council Regular Session of November 9, 2015:

Motion was made by Councilwoman Jean Baker, seconded by Councilman Darius Horton, to approve the City Council Regular Session minutes of November 9, 2015. Those voting in favor were: Baker, Donnelly, Hummer, Stimatz, Brooks, Spence, Horton and Walton. Against: None. The motion carried.

b. City Council Work Session of November 23, 2015:

Motion was made by Councilwoman Jean Baker, seconded by Councilman Darius Horton, to approve the City Council Work Session minutes of November 23, 2015. Those voting in favor were: Baker, Donnelly, Hummer, Stimatz, Brooks, Spence, Horton and Walton. Against: None. The motion carried.

c. City Council Regular Session of November 23, 2015:

Motion was made by Councilwoman Jean Baker, seconded by Councilman Darius Horton, to approve the City Council Regular Session minutes of November 23, 2015. Those voting in favor were: Baker, Donnelly, Hummer, Stimatz, Brooks, Spence, Horton and Walton. Against: None. The motion carried.

4. Remarks by Retiring Councilman Kem Spence:

Mayor Peel recognized Councilman Kem Spence for his comments.

Councilman Spence stated that he wanted to first give honor to God for allowing him the opportunity to be of service to the City of Elizabeth. He thanked all the voters who voted, those who voted for him as well as all others who exercised their important right to vote. He said that his prayer was that the incoming Council will stand fast for what is right; and he reminded everyone that only those things performed for Christ are the things that last. He thanked his family members for their support during his term on the City Council. He said that he loved the City of Elizabeth City and wished everyone well.

5. Adjournment:

There being no further business to be discussed, Mayor Peel adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Joseph W. Peel
Mayor

Vivian D. White, CMC/NCCMC
City Clerk