



Virginia Beach

City Government

2020



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Your City Government

Virginia Beach was chartered as a municipal corporation by the General Assembly of Virginia on January 1, 1963. The City operates under the Council-Manager form of government.

The 11-member City Council is the City's legislative body. The city manager is appointed by the Council and acts as chief executive officer. Through his or her staff, he implements policies established by the Council.

Members of the City Council serve four-year terms and are elected on a staggered basis. General elections are held the first Tuesday in November in even-numbered years. All registered voters are eligible to vote for all members of the Council.

Three Council members and the mayor serve "at large" with no district residency requirement. All others are required to live in the districts they represent: Bayside, Centerville, Kempsville, Lynnhaven, Princess Anne, Rose Hall and Beach.

The mayor is elected to a four-year term through direct election. The mayor presides over Council meetings, serves as the ceremonial head of the city, spokesperson for the city and assumes other duties at the Council's discretion.

The vice mayor is elected by the City Council at the first meeting in January following a Council election. The vice mayor is charged with carrying out the duties of the mayor in his or her absence.

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for the most up-to-date information.

City Council Meetings

The City Council meets the first four Tuesdays of each month. Meetings are open to the public. In July and December, meetings are scheduled on the first two Tuesdays only. Additional meetings may be scheduled as necessary.

Formal Sessions First and Third Tuesdays, 6 p.m. Council Chamber, City Hall, Bldg. 1, 2 nd Floor	Workshops Second and Fourth Tuesdays (Time and location may vary, call 385-4303 to confirm) City Hall, Bldg. 1, 2 nd Floor, Room 234
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Informal Sessions are held prior to the Formal Sessions. Starting times are determined by the agenda and is available at www.VBgov.com.

City Council meetings are telecast live on VBTV Cox Channel 48 and Verizon Channel 45, streamed live at www.facebook.com/CityofVaBeach and at www.VBgov.com/media.

Appearing Before the City Council

Agenda information may be requested from the city clerk and is available on www.VBgov.com.

A citizen who wishes to address the Council concerning an agenda item must register with the city clerk or deputy city clerk at (757) 385-4303 before the meeting.

To address the Council concerning an item not on the agenda, a request must be made in writing to the Office of the City Clerk, 2401 Courthouse Drive, City Hall, Building #1, Room 281, Municipal Center, Virginia Beach, VA 23456, or email cityclerk@VBgov.com. A member of the City Council can sponsor a citizen to address the City Council on any item.

No more than one presentation per topic or per individual may be made at the same meeting without the specific permission of the City Council.

No more than three speakers may speak on the same non-agenda topic at the same meeting. The first three speakers who register with the city clerk will be called to speak.

Speakers should advance to the podium when their names are called, state their name and address and, indicate who or what they are representing.

Speakers are limited to three-minute presentations. After completing remarks, the speaker should be prepared to respond to any questions the City Council may have.

Meet Your City Manager



At the Council's discretion, the city manager coordinates the functions of a complex group of agencies and departments responsible for delivering services to citizens.

Patrick A. Duhaney
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Patrick A. Duhaney joined the City of Virginia Beach as city manager in July, 2020. Prior to taking on his new role, he served as city manager of Cincinnati, Ohio, where he had been employed since 2009. While there, Duhaney served in a variety of roles, including contract compliance specialist, chief procurement officer and assistant city manager. Before his work in local government, Duhaney served in the U.S. Army on active duty and in reserve capacity from 1999 to 2015 under combat engineer and ordnance commands. He also worked for a community development financial institution in Cincinnati, where he served as a program officer responsible for issuing community development loans, oversaw the local LISC office's loan portfolio, and worked to bring resources to aid in the redevelopment of Cincinnati neighborhoods. Duhaney has served on numerous boards in Cincinnati pertaining to neighborhood economic development and redevelopment and chaired the City of Cincinnati's Minority/Small/Women Business Enterprise Advisory Board. Duhaney holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Urban Studies from the Cleveland State University and master's in Community Planning from the University of Cincinnati. He is a graduate of the Urban League's African-American Leadership Development Program. He is also a certified Economic Development Finance Professional and a Certified Public Procurement Buyer issued by NIGP.

Council Appointees

Council members appoint four additional city officials who are directly accountable to the City Council. The city attorney manages all legal aspects of the city and is the chief legal adviser to the City Council, the city manager and all departments and agencies. The city clerk is custodian of the City's official seal, records, actions taken at Council meetings, and is responsible to attest, record and maintain all official documents. The real estate assessor assesses all taxable and tax-exempt properties. The city auditor is responsible for financial and performance audits of city businesses, functions and activities.

Committee, Development Authority, Health Services Advisory Board, Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, Housing Advisory Board, Oceana Land Use Conformity Committee and the Resort Advisory Commission.



Sabrina D. Wooten
Centerville District #1

November 20, 2018 to
December 31, 2020
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Council Member Wooten was sworn into office on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 to fill the unexpired term of the seat Mayor Dyer vacated as the Centerville District representative. She is a native of Stuttgart, Germany, grew up in the Hampton Roads area, and has lived in Virginia Beach for over 13 years. Wooten's professional mediation firm, Strategic Impact Services, LLC, provides mediation services and business management solutions to business organizations and the community. She was appointed to the 2018 Board of Governors for the National Association of Nonprofit Organizations and Executives. Prior to the November 2018 election, Wooten was vice chair of the City's Minority Business Council and chair of the Outreach Committee. She was also a member of the City's Process Improvement Steering Committee and is a member of the National Small Business Association, the American Society for Public Administration and the National Association of Professional Women. An administrative pastor, Wooten serves in her church in the areas of strategic outreach, world missions and the prison ministry. She is also a chaplain for the Virginia Beach Police Department. A published author, Wooten graduated from Old Dominion University with a bachelor's degree in political science. She received master's degrees in business management and public administration from Regent University. She also earned a certificate in biblical studies from Liberty University and a certificate in practical theology from Regent University. She is pursuing a Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration with a concentration in nonprofit management and leadership. Wooten serves as the City Council liaison to the 2040 Vision to Action Community Coalition, the Arts and Humanities Commission, the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission and the Planning Council. She resides with her husband, Donald, and son, Ricardo, in the Centerville District.

Rosemary Wilson

At Large

January 1, 2017 to
December 31, 2020
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Council Member Wilson has held elected office since 1996 — first with the School Board (1996 to 2000, including being vice chairman), then with the City Council (2000 to present). A graduate of Bayside High School and Old Dominion University, Wilson is a Realtor with Howard Hanna Real Estate. Recognized in 2012 by *Lawyers Weekly* as one of the Most Influential Women in Virginia, Wilson was also appointed by Gov. McDonnell to the Fair Housing Board and the Local Government Advisory Board to the Chesapeake Bay. She was honored by *Inside Business* in 2007 with the Women in Business Achievement Award, and by the Virginia Beach Education Association in 1999 with the Friend of Education Award. She is a fellow of the Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership at the University of Virginia and the Civic Leadership Institute at Old Dominion University. Wilson has served as president of the Virginia Municipal League and chairman of the League's Human Development and Education Committee, as well as the Federal Advocacy Council. In 2016, Wilson was named Volunteer of the Year from the Virginia Recreation and Park Society and is the co-chair of Cycle for Survival, a nonprofit that raises money for rare cancer research. She is the City Council liaison to the Beaches and Waterways Advisory Commission, Broadband Steering Committee, Community Organization Grant (COG) Review and Allocation

a charter member of the African American Cultural Center of Virginia Beach; a member of the Virginia Bar Association Committee on Issues of National and State Importance, and on the boards of the Virginia Beach Library Foundation, Virginia Opera, Fort Norfolk Retirement Community, Inc. (Harbor's Edge) and Democratic Business Alliance of South Hampton Roads. Among his previous positions, Tower was vice-chair of the Virginia Beach Library Board; chair of the Old Dominion University School of Business Advisory Council and a member of the board of directors for the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce. Tower earned a Bachelor of Psychology from the University of Virginia, College of Arts and Sciences and a J.D. degree from the University of Virginia School of Law. He and his wife, Winship C. Tower, have been married for 37 years and have four children and seven grandchildren.

Meet Your Virginia Beach City Council



Mayor
Robert M. "Bobby" Dyer

November 20, 2018 to
December 31, 2020

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Before being sworn in as Mayor on Tuesday, November 20, 2018, Bobby Dyer represented the Centerville District for 14 years. He currently works as a physical therapist. His prior positions include health care executive, business consultant and assistant professor in the School of Government at Regent University. Dyer served in the United States Marine Corps from 1968 to 1972. In 1976, he earned a bachelor's degree in physical therapy from Saint Louis University and in 1982, a master's in public administration from Fairleigh Dickinson University. He earned his Ph.D. in organizational leadership from Regent University in 2001. He currently serves as the City Council liaison to the Bikeways and Trails Advisory Committee, the Clean Community Commission, the Community Services Board, the Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance, the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission, the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization, the Human Rights Commission, the Open Space Advisory Committee, and the Process Improvement Steering Committee, which he initiated. Bobby and his wife, Trish, live in the Lake Christopher section of the Centerville District and have two children and two grandchildren.



Vice Mayor
James L. Wood
Lynnhaven District #5

January 1, 2019 to
December 31, 2022

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Vice Mayor Wood was first elected to the City Council in 2002 and is now serving his fifth consecutive term. He was sworn in as Vice Mayor on January 8, 2019, after being selected by his peers. A 1981 graduate of Princess Anne High School, he earned a bachelor of science degree with special attainments in commerce from Washington and Lee University in 1985 and a master of arts degree in history from Sam Houston State University in 2016. After college, he served his community as a Virginia Beach police officer and was assigned to various specialty units, including DUI

enforcement and a precinct-level anticrime team. He owns and manages firms engaged in commercial and general contracting and residential and commercial property management. He was a commissioner and two-time past chairman of the Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads (HRT) and was appointed by the Virginia Senate to the Joint Subcommittee to Address Recurrent Flooding. He is the City Council liaison to the Audit Committee, Bayfront Advisory Commission, Board of Building Code of Appeals, Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team, Green Ribbon Committee, Health Advisory Board, Military Economic Development Alliance Committee, Oceana Land Use Conformity Committee, Sister Cities Association of Virginia Beach, Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center Foundation and the Volunteer Council. He is past president of the Rotary Club of Cape Henry and past assistant governor for the Virginia Beach area, and has served in leadership roles on the boards of many volunteer and nonprofit organizations. Wood and his wife, Rebecca, live in the Kings Grant area and have a son who is an attorney, a daughter working in higher education in Europe and three grandsons.



Jessica P. Abbott
Kempsville District #2

January 1, 2017 to
December 31, 2020

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Council Member Abbott was born to two Air Force veterans in Colorado Springs, Colo. and has been managing her family's insurance business (Matt Abbott State Farm) in Kempsville since 2008. She graduated from Kellam High School in 2007, graduated from the American College of Financial Services in 2015 with LUTCF and FSCP designations, and is a FEMA-certified flood insurance agent. She has founded two nonprofit organizations for local women, one for teaching self-defense and the other as a networking group for other female entrepreneurs. Abbott currently serves as the City Council liaison to the Community Services Board, the Elizabeth River – Eastern Branch project, as well as the Price Street Development project and the Public Library Board. At 27, she was the youngest-ever elected official in Virginia Beach. She lives in Indian Lakes with her husband, Matthew Cheatham, son, Desmond, and daughter, Opal.



Michael Berlucci
Rose Hall District #3

November 6, 2019 to
December 31, 2020

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Council Member Michael Berlucci was elected on November 5, 2019 to serve as the Rose Hall District representative. Berlucci was born and raised in Virginia Beach and educated in Virginia Beach City Public Schools. He is the community relations manager for the Chrysler Museum of Art, where he creates and implements educational and community partnerships designed to expand and diversify museum audiences, particularly among under-served constituencies. Berlucci is an active community volunteer and serves several community and nonprofit organizations, including Teens with a Purpose, United Negro College Fund, and Virginia Beach for Fairness, Hampton Roads LGBT Public Safety Consortium, African American Cultural Center of Virginia Beach and the Hope House Foundation. He has also served as a member of the Virginia Beach Human Rights Commission, Virginia Beach Community Development Corporation and as president of Hampton Roads Pride. Berlucci has authored a number of articles and given presentations on a range of topics related to his work and community/civic engagement. He is a graduate of First Colonial High School and earned a bachelor's degree in government and international politics from George Mason University.



Barbara M. Henley
Princess Anne District #7

January 1, 2019 to
December 31, 2022

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Council Member Henley is a graduate of Old Dominion University with a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's in urban studies. She taught in the city's public schools system and is serving her ninth term on the City Council. She represented the Pungo Borough from 1978 to 1990, during which time she served two years as vice mayor. She served on City Council

again from 1994 to 2002, and returned to represent the Princess Anne District in 2006. A partner in Henley Farms, LP, Henley is president of the Princess Anne County/Virginia Beach Historical Society. She also serves as the City Council liaison to the Agricultural Advisory Commission, Bikeways and Trails Advisory Committee, Green Ribbon Committee, Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, Historical Review Board, the Mayor's Commission on Aging, Open Space Advisory Committee and the Transition Area ITA Citizens Advisory Committee. She is the author of *Glimpses of Down-County History: Southern Princess Anne County*.



Louis R. Jones
Bayside District #4

January 1, 2019 to
December 31, 2022

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Council Member Jones has served on the City Council for more than 35 years, representing the Bayside District. He served as Mayor from May 1, 2018 to November 20, 2018 and July 1, 1982 to June 30, 1984, and as Vice Mayor from November 1, 2001 to April 30, 2018. He is a member and former chairman of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission. He is also a former chairman of the Hampton Roads Metropolitan Planning Organization. Jones serves as the City Council liaison to the Bayfront Advisory Commission, Lake Gaston Water Task Force, Oceana Land Use Conformity Committee, Southeastern Public Service Authority and the Virginia Beach Development Authority. He is president and owner of Hollomon-Brown Funeral Home, Inc. and Tidewater Cemetery Corporation. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from the College of William & Mary (Old Dominion University) and is a graduate of the Echols College of Mortuary Science. He serves on the Virginia State Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers and is a member of Bayside Presbyterian Church.



John D. Moss
At Large

January 1, 2019 to
December 31, 2022

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Council Member Moss was re-elected to the City Council in November 2018. He served three prior terms on the City Council, as the Kempsville Borough representative (1986-1990) and as an at large member (1992-1995 and 2015-2018). Moss is the director of the Submarine Program Requirements and Warfare Development for the Commander Submarine Forces. He championed resident-focused civic interest for a decade as the chairman of the Virginia Beach Taxpayers Alliance (2001-2011). Moss is a member of the Virginia Beach Republican City Committee and is active in Boy Scout Troop 375. Moss is a graduate of Princess Anne High School, Virginia Tech, Old Dominion University and the Naval War College, as well as the Senior Federal Fellows Program, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. He currently serves as the liaison to the 2040 Vision to Action Community Coalition, the Deferred Compensation Board, the Virginia Beach Community Development Corporation and the Water Task Force. The Moss family resides in the Bayside District. John, Kathy, Thomas and Katie are members of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.



Aaron R. Rouse
At Large

January 1, 2019 to
December 31, 2022

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Council Member Rouse was born and raised in Virginia Beach. He attended First Colonial High School and graduated with a bachelor's degree in sociology from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Rouse was drafted by the Green Bay Packers in the 2007 NFL Draft and also played for the New York Giants and Arizona Cardinals. After retiring from the National Football League, Rouse returned home to Virginia Beach to begin his career in public service. He served as a coach and a mentor before founding Rouse's House. Rouse's House is a nonprofit organization that serves to establish education as the foundation for today's youth, with a primary goal of

exposing youth and families in the community to a broader world of learning. On November 6, 2018, Rouse was elected to City Council as an at large member. Rouse is a strong advocate for the support of first responders and the military along with their families. He is passionate about the potential growth of Virginia Beach into a strong economic, travel and entertainment location with support to residents and tourists. Rouse is a lifetime member of the National Football League Players Association, an active member of his church and a member of North End Run Club. He serves as the City Council liaison to the Minority Business Council and the Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads (HRT). He enjoys outdoor activities and currently resides in the heart of Virginia Beach with his son and daughter.



Guy King Tower
Beach District #6

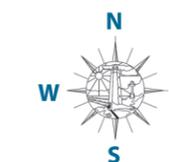
November 6, 2019 to
December 31, 2022

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Council Member Tower has lived in Virginia Beach for the past 39 years. He is a retired lawyer, mediator, educator and association executive. He is a founding member of The McCammon Group, the largest organization of its kind in Virginia, that provides mediation, arbitration and other private dispute resolution services. His previous positions include: executive director for the Virginia Bar Association; director of educational services for the Office of the Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Virginia; shareholder and director at Kaufman & Canoles, P.C.; adjunct faculty at the College of William & Mary and Old Dominion University; partner and associate at Hunton & Williams, and; tax attorney for Norfolk & Western Railway Co. He is

Virginia Beach Election Districts

If you have questions concerning your election district, contact the Voter Registrar's Office at 385-8683.



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