Allen Hahne was named city manager in January 2018. He has a master’s degree in business administration from the University of Virginia and a bachelor’s degree in business administration and accounting from the University of Central Florida.

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Welcome to Virginia Beach
Virginia Beach is a coastal city located on the east coast of Virginia. The city is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the east and the Chesapeake Bay to the west. It is the largest city in Virginia and the 38th largest city in the United States. Virginia Beach is known for its beautiful beaches, outdoor activities, and rich history.

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City Council Meetings

The City Council meets the first four Tuesdays of each month to conduct the business of the city. In July and December, special meetings are scheduled on the first two Tuesdays only. Additional meetings may be held at the Mayor’s discretion to address community needs.

Format Sessions
First and Third Tuesdays, 4 PM
City Hall, City Council Chamber, Bldg. 1, 1st Floor
Weekly
Second and Fourth Tuesdays, 4 PM
(Times and locations vary; call 385-4025 to confirm)
City Hall, City Council Chamber, Bldg. 1, Room 204

Informal Sessions are held prior to the Formal Sessions. Starting times are determined by the Agenda.

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