

## 1<sup>st</sup> City Commission - Dec. 12, 1921 to Dec. 3, 1923

Mayor: George A Dondero

The City of Royal Oak was incorporated in 1921 at which time the first City Commission was established with George A Dondero as our first Mayor. The following is a list of City Commissions from 1921 to the Present.

Please visit the City Commission Chambers which features portraits of all the Mayors and City Commissioners. The Chambers are located on the 3rd floor of City Hall in Room 315.

Commissioners:	J Frank Codling Gus Dondero J L Heckerd James E Lawson J S Morrison W J Mulholland
City Attorney:	E B Howarth
City Manager:	Phillip H Beauvais
City Clerk:	W O Hullinger Jan 1921-Dec 1921 R Bruce Fleming

## 2<sup>nd</sup> City Commission - Dec. 3, 1923 to Dec. 7, 1925

Mayor:	A G Miller Dec 3, 1923-Jan 1, 1925 J Frank Codling Jan 2, 1925-Dec 7, 1925
Commissioners:	Mabel Baldwin W D Clarke Dec 3, 1923-May 5, 1924 Lloyd Clawson May 12, 1924-Dec 7, 1925 Claude Kelso James E Lawson Fred Smith Harold E Storz
City Attorney:	E B Howarth Dec 3, 1923-Apr 21, 1924 George Hartrick Apr 15, 1924-July 20, 1925 Harry Merritt July 20, 1925-Jan 4, 1926
City Manager:	Phillip H Beauvais Dec 3, 1923-Dec 1, 1925 Resigned
City Clerk:	R Bruce Fleming

### **3<sup>rd</sup> City Commission - Dec. 7, 1925 to Dec. 5, 1927**

Mayor:	Harold E Storz
Commissioners:	E M Bangham A L Fraser Max Hagelstine James E Lawson Frank Langdon George Sass
City Attorney:	Harry Merritt July 20, 1925-Jan 4, 1926 W C Hudson Jan 1, 1926-Dec 5, 1927
City Manager:	Raymond J Whitney Jan 11, 1926-Dec 5, 1927
City Clerk:	R Bruce Fleming

### **4<sup>th</sup> City Commission - Dec. 5, 1927 to Dec. 2, 1929**

Mayor:	Harold E Storz
Commissioners:	E M Bangham Max Hagelstine Frank M Langdon James E Lawson Aniela Poray Edward W Winter
City Attorney:	W C Hudson
City Manager:	Raymond J Whitney
City Clerk:	R Bruce Fleming

### **5<sup>th</sup> City Commission - Dec. 2, 1929 to Dec. 7, 1931**

Mayor:	H Lloyd Clawson
Commissioners:	E M Bangham Fred Cowen Arthur L Lawson Fletcher Renton Aniela Poray Edward W Winter
City Attorney:	W C Hudson
City Manager:	Raymond J Whitney Dec 2, 1929-Nov 1, 1931 Resigned Edward M Shafter Nov 1, 1931-Dec 7, 1931
City Clerk:	R Bruce Fleming

**6<sup>th</sup> City Commission - Dec. 7, 1931 to Dec. 4, 1933**

Mayor: H Lloyd Clawson

Commissioners: E M Bangham  
Fred Cowen Nov 8, 1932 Deceased  
Frank Dorsey Nov 14, 1932-Dec 4, 1933  
Arthur L Lawson  
Fletcher Renton  
Frank Springsteen  
H Von Eberstein

City Attorney: W C Hudson

City Manager: Edward M Shafter

City Clerk: R Bruce Fleming

**7<sup>th</sup> City Commission - Dec. 4, 1933 to Dec. 2, 1935**

Mayor: H Lloyd Clawson

Commissioners: E M Bangham  
Frank Dorsey  
Arthur L Lawson  
Fletcher Renton  
Frank Springsteen  
H Von Eberstein

City Attorney: W C Hudson

City Manager: Edward M Shafter

City Clerk: R Bruce Fleming

**8<sup>th</sup> City Commission - Dec. 2, 1935 to Dec. 6, 1937**

Mayor: H Lloyd Clawson

Commissioners: E M Bangham  
Frank O Dorsey  
Arthur L Lawson  
Fletcher Renton  
Maynard Seibert  
Jacob B Sparks

City Attorney: W C Hudson

City Manager: Edward M Shafter

City Clerk: R Bruce Fleming

### 9<sup>th</sup> City Commission - Dec. 6, 1937 to Dec. 4, 1939

Mayor:	E M Bangham Dec 6, 1937 - July 25, 1938 Resigned Fletcher L Renton July 25, 1938 - Dec 4, 1939
Commissioners:	Arthur L Lawson Grant D Maudlin Fletcher L Renton Dec 6, 1937 - July 25, 1938 Casper Schroff Joe Maynard Seibert Jacob B Sparks
City Attorney:	W C Hudson
City Manager:	Edward M Shafter
City Clerk:	R Bruce Fleming Dec 6, 1937 - July 28, 1938 Deceased Gladys Holmes Aug 8, 1939 - Dec 4, 1939

### 10<sup>th</sup> City Commission - Dec. 4, 1939 to Dec. 1, 1941

Mayor:	Fletcher L Renton
Commissioners:	H Lloyd Clawson William Hayward Arthur L Lawson Grant D Maudlin Joe Maynard Seibert Jacob B Sparks
City Attorney:	W C Hudson
City Manager:	Edward M Shafter
City Clerk:	Gladys Holmes

### 11<sup>th</sup> City Commission - 1941 to 1943

Mayor:	Fletcher L Renton Dec 1, 1941 - May 24, 1943 Resigned Grant D Maudlin May 24, 1943-Dec 6, 1943
Commissioners:	William Hayward Joe Maynard Seibert Vernald E Horn H Lloyd Clawson Jacob B Sparks Dec 1, 1941 - May 25, 1942 Grant D Maudlin Dec 1, 1941 - May 24, 1943 Clarence M Kimball May 24, 1943 - Dec 6, 1943 Julius Hering May 25, 1942 - Dec 6, 1943
City Attorney:	W C Hudson
City Manager:	Edward M Shafter
City Clerk:	Gladys Holmes

**12<sup>th</sup> City Commission - Dec. 6, 1943 to Dec. 3, 1945**

Mayor:	Grant D Maudlin
Commissioners:	Julius M Hering H Lloyd Clawson Clarence M Kimball Ellery A Laidlaw William Hayward Samuel Truswell
City Attorney:	W C Hudson
City Manager:	Edward M Shafter
City Clerk:	Gladys Holmes

**13<sup>th</sup> City Commission - Dec. 3, 1945 to Dec. 1, 1947**

Mayor:	William Hayward
Commissioners:	Jacob B Sparks Julius M Hering Ellery A Laidlaw Vernald E Horn H Lloyd Clawson S J Christie
City Attorney:	W C Hudson
City Manager:	Edward M Shafter
City Clerk:	Gladys Holmes

**14<sup>th</sup> City Commission - Dec. 1, 1947 to Dec. 5, 1949**

Mayor:	William Hayward
Commissioners:	Evert M Bangham Arthur H Fries Ellery A Laidlaw Vernald E Horn Walter R Eames Samuel K Truswell Dec 1, 1947-Oct 11, 1948 Resigned Howard K Kelley Oct 18, 1948-Dec 5, 1949
City Attorney:	W C Hudson
City Manager:	Edward M Shafter
City Clerk:	Gladys Holmes

**15<sup>th</sup> City Commission - Dec. 5, 1949 to Dec. 3, 1951**

Mayor:	Vernald E Horn
Commissioners:	Grant D Maudlin Howard K Kelley Ruth E Wagner Evert M Bangham Ellery A Laidlaw Arthur H Fries
City Attorney:	W C Hudson
City Manager:	Edward M Shafter
City Clerk:	Gladys Holmes

**16<sup>th</sup> City Commission - Dec. 3, 1951 to Dec. 7, 1953**

Mayor:	Vernald E Horn
Commissioners:	Arthur H Fries Evert M Bangham Dec 3, 1951-Nov 20, 1952 Deceased William Hayward Howard K Kelley Ellery A Laidlaw Dec 15, 1952-Dec 7, 1953 Grant D Maudlin Ruth E Wagner
City Attorney:	W C Hudson
City Manager:	Edward M Shafter
City Clerk:	Gladys Holmes

**17<sup>th</sup> City Commission - Dec. 7, 1953 to Dec. 5, 1955**

Mayor:	Howard K Kelley
Commissioners:	Louis A Demute Arthur H Fries James G Hartrick William Hayward Ellery A Laidlaw Grant J Maudlin
City Attorney:	W C Hudson
City Manager:	Edward M Shafter
City Clerk:	Gladys Holmes

### 18<sup>th</sup> City Commission - Dec. 5, 1955 to Dec. 2, 1957

Mayor:	Howard K Kelley
Commissioners:	Louis A Demute Ralph Fisher Dec 5, 1955 - May 15, 1957 Resigned Arthur H Fries James G Hartrick William Hayward Grant J Maudlin Lloyd D Crosby Jun 4, 1956 - Dec 2, 1957
City Attorney:	W C Hudson Dec 5, 1955 - May 1, 1957 Resigned Allan G Hertler May 1, 1957 - Dec 2, 1957
City Manager:	Edward M Shafter
City Clerk:	Gladys Holmes

### 19<sup>th</sup> City Commission - Dec. 2, 1957 to Dec. 7, 1959

Mayor:	Howard K Kelley Dec 2, 1957-Jun 19, 1959 Deceased William Hayward July 20, 1959-Dec 7, 1959
Commissioners:	William Hayward Dec 2, 1957-July 20, 1959 Lloyd D Crosby Arthur H Fries Vernald E Horn Grant J Maudlin John B Osgood Robert G Leggett July 20, 1959-Dec 7, 1959
City Attorney:	Allan G Hertler
City Manager:	Edward M Shafter
City Clerk:	Gladys Holmes

### 20<sup>th</sup> City Commission - Dec. 7, 1959 to Dec. 4, 1961

Mayor:	William Hayward
Commissioners:	Lloyd D Crosby Arthur H Fries Vernald E Horn Grant J Maudlin John B Osgood Curtis Potter
City Attorney:	Allan G Hertler
City Manager:	Edward M Shafter Dec 7, 1959-May 31, 1961 Retired Bruce W Love Jun 1, 1961-Dec 4, 1961
City Clerk:	Gladys Holmes

**21<sup>st</sup> City Commission - Dec. 4, 1961 to Dec. 2, 1963**

Mayor:	William Hayward
Commissioners:	Arthur H Fries Ted Nick Dec 4, 1961-Sep 23, 1963 Resigned Wallace F Gabler Jr Oct 7, 1963-Dec 2, 1963 Vernald E Horn Grant J Maudlin Robert F Patnales L Curtis Potter
City Attorney:	Allan G Hertler
City Manager:	Bruce W Love
City Clerk:	Gladys Holmes Dec 4, 1961-May 31, 1963 Retired Gladys Fogo Jun 1, 1963-Dec 2, 1963

**22<sup>nd</sup> City Commission - Dec. 2, 1963 to Dec. 6, 1965**

Mayor:	L Curtis Potter
Commissioners:	James P Cline (2 yr) Wallace F Gabler Jr Vernald E Horn Grant J Maudlin Barbara P Mitchell Robert F Patnales Pro Tem
City Attorney:	Allan G Hertler
City Manager:	Bruce W Love
City Clerk:	Gladys Fogo

**23<sup>rd</sup> City Commission - Dec. 6, 1965 to Dec. 4, 1967**

Mayor:	L Curtis Potter
Commissioners:	James P Cline Wallace F Gabler Jr Pro Tem Vernald E Horn Barbara P Mitchell Ted G Nick Dec 6, 1965-Oct 3, 1967 Resigned Robert F Patnales Dec 6, 1965-Oct 3, 1967 Resigned James C Johnson Nov 13, 1967-Dec 4, 1967 W Peter Kramer Nov 13, 1967-Dec 4, 1967
City Attorney:	Allan G Hertler
City Manager:	Bruce W Love
City Clerk:	Gladys Fogo

**24<sup>th</sup> City Commission - Dec. 4, 1967 to Dec. 1, 1969**

Mayor:	L Curtis Potter
Commissioners:	John H Austin James P Cline Pro Tem Wallace F Gabler Jr Dec 4, 1967-Dec 16, 1968 Resigned James C Johnson (2 yr) W Peter Kramer (2 yr) Alice L Schoenholtz Howard C Zuidema Jan 13, 1969-Dec 1, 1969
City Attorney:	Allan G Hertler
City Manager:	Bruce W Love
City Clerk:	Gladys Fogo

**25<sup>th</sup> City Commission - Dec. 1, 1969 to Dec. 6, 1971**

Mayor:	James P Cline
Commissioners:	John H Austin Pro Tem James C Johnson W Peter Kramer Enoch L Nelson Alice L Schoenholtz Howard C Zuidema (2 yr)
City Attorney:	Allan G Hertler
City Manager:	Bruce W Love
City Clerk:	Gladys Fogo

**26<sup>th</sup> City Commission - Dec. 6, 1971 to Dec. 3, 1973**

Mayor:	James P Cline
Commissioners:	John H Austin Donald G Field James C Johnson W Peter Kramer Pro Tem Enoch L Nelson Alice L Schoenholtz
City Attorney:	Allan G Hertler Dec 6, 1971-Dec 31, 1972 Resigned Daniel Sawicki Jan 1, 1973-Dec 3, 1973
City Manager:	Bruce W Love
City Clerk:	Gladys Fogo

**27<sup>th</sup> City Commission - Dec. 3, 1973 to Dec. 1, 1975**

Mayor:	James P Cline
Commissioners:	John H Austin Donald G Field Barbara A Hallman W Peter Kramer Enoch L Nelson Alice L Schoenholtz Pro Tem
City Attorney:	Daniel Sawicki
City Manager:	Bruce W Love Dec 3, 1973-Sep 1, 1975 Resigned William J Baldrige Sep 15, 1975-Dec 1, 1975
City Clerk:	Gladys Fogo

**28<sup>th</sup> City Commission - Dec. 1, 1975 to Dec. 5, 1977**

Mayor:	Pecky D Lewis Jr
Commissioners:	John H Austin Barbara A Hallman W Peter Kramer Pro Tem Enoch L Nelson Alice L Schoenholtz Peter Webster
City Attorney:	Daniel Sawicki
City Manager:	William J Baldrige
City Clerk:	Gladys Fogo

**29<sup>th</sup> City Commission - Dec. 5, 1977 to Dec. 3, 1979**

Mayor:	Pecky D Lewis Jr
Commissioners:	John H Austin Pro Tem Barbara A Hallman George Kelber Alice L Schoenholtz Vernon L Warren Peter Webster
City Attorney:	Daniel Sawicki
City Manager:	William J Baldrige
City Clerk:	Gladys Fogo Dec 5, 1977-Jan 8, 1979 Retired Evelyn Demske Jan 8, 1969-Dec 3, 1979

**30<sup>th</sup> City Commission - Dec. 3, 1979 to Dec. 7, 1981**

Mayor:	Pecky D Lewis Jr Dec 3, 1979-Jul 23, 1981 Resigned Peter Webster Jul 23, 1981-Dec 7, 1981
Commissioners:	Barbara A Hallman George Kelber Patricia Paruch Alice L Schoenholtz Vernon L Warren Peter Webster Dec 3, 1979-July 23, 1981 W Peter Kramer Jul 27, 1981-Dec 7, 1981
City Attorney:	Daniel Sawicki Appointed Judge Teresa Schafer to Dec 7, 1981
City Manager:	William J Baldrige
City Clerk:	Evelyn M Demski Dec 3, 1979-Jul 31, 1981 Retired Max LaValley Jul 31, 1981-Dec 7, 1981

**31<sup>st</sup> City Commission - Dec. 7, 1981 to Dec. 5, 1983**

Mayor:	Barbara A Hallman
Commissioners:	Gerard W Boylan Kenneth E Culling Patricia Paruch Pro Tem Alice Schoenholtz Linda J Shadrick Robert F Stocker
City Attorney:	Teresa Schafer Charles Lowther
City Manager:	William J Baldrige
City Clerk:	Max LaValley

**32<sup>nd</sup> City Commission - Dec. 6, 1983 to Dec. 2, 1985**

Mayor:	Barbara A Hallman
Commissioners:	Kenneth E Culling Philip Natke Patricia Paruch David L Richards Linda J Shadrick Robert F Stocker Pro Tem
City Attorney:	Charles Lowther
City Manager:	William J Baldrige
City Clerk:	Max LaValley

**33<sup>rd</sup> City Commission - Dec. 2, 1985 to Dec. 7, 1987**

Mayor:	Robert F Stocker
Commissioners:	Kenneth E Culling Philip Natke * Pro Tem Patricia Paruch ** Pro Tem Fred Pieper Nancy A Pirslin David L Richards James C Johnson *** Commission Appointment * Resigned June 15, 1987 ***Replacement ** Pro Tem Replacement
City Attorney:	Charles Lowther
City Manager:	William J Baldrige
City Clerk:	Max LaValley

**34<sup>th</sup> City Commission - Dec. 7, 1987 to Dec. 4, 1989**

Mayor:	Robert F Stocker
Commissioners:	Kenneth E Culling Dennis Cowan Patricia Paruch Fred Pieper * Pro Tem Nancy Pirslin ** Pro Tem David Richards James C Johnson *** Commission Appointment *Deceased Feb 21, 1988 ***Replacement 3/7/1988 - 12/4/1989 **Pro Tem Replacement
City Attorney:	Charles Lowther
City Manager:	William J Baldrige
City Clerk:	Max LaValley

**35<sup>th</sup> City Commission - Dec. 4, 1989 to Dec. 2, 1991**

Mayor:	Patricia Paruch
Commissioners:	Phillip J Abraham * Dennis G Cowan Pro Tem James C Johnson Thomas E Kuhn Nancy A Pirslin David L Richards * elected 2 year term to complete the term of Patricia Paruch
City Attorney:	Charles Lowther June 10, 1991 Resigned Lawrence M Doyle June 10, 1991 Appointed
City Manager:	William J Baldrige
City Clerk:	Max LaValley June 1, 1990 Retired Mary C Richards June 1, 1990 Appointed

**36<sup>th</sup> City Commission - Dec. 2, 1991 to Dec. 7, 1993**

Mayor:	Patricia Paruch
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Commissioners:	Dennis G Cowan James B Ellison Shirley Evoe James C Johnson Thomas E Kuhn Nancy A Pirslin (Pro Tem)
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City Attorney:	Lawrence M Doyle
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City Manager:	William J Baldrige
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City Clerk:	Mary C Richards-Haverty (married 12/92)
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**37<sup>th</sup> City Commission - Dec. 6, 1993 to Dec. 4, 1995**

Mayor:	Dennis G Cowan
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Commissioners:	James B Ellison Shirley Evoe Pro Tem David G Gorcyca Laura J Harrison Thomas E Kuhn Andrew J Prentice
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City Attorney:	Lawrence Doyle Appointed Manager Oct 23, 1994 Charles Semchena Appointed Jan 2, 1995
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City Manager:	William Baldrige Resigned Oct 22, 1994 Lawrence Doyle Appointed Oct 23, 1994
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City Clerk:	Mary C Haverty
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**38<sup>th</sup> City Commission - Dec. 4, 1995 to Dec. 2, 1997**

Mayor:	Dennis G Cowan
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Commissioners:	Michael Andrzejak Shirley Evoe * Resigned Jan 21, 1997 David G Gorcyca ** Resigned Dec 2, 1996 Laura J Harrison Thomas E Kuhn Andrew J Prentice *Ilene Lanfear Replacement Apr 7,1997 **Phillip J Abraham Replacement Dec 2,1996
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City Attorney:	Charles Semchena
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City Manager:	Lawrence Doyle
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City Clerk:	Mary C Haverty
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**39<sup>th</sup> City Commission - Dec. 2, 1997 to Dec. 6, 1999**

Mayor:	Dennis G Cowan
Commissioners:	Michael Andrzejak Pro Tem Marie Donigan Laura J Harrison Thomas E Kuhn Ilene Lanfear Peter H Webster
City Attorney:	Charles Semchena
City Manager:	Lawrence Doyle
City Clerk:	Mary C Haverty

**40<sup>th</sup> City Commission - Dec. 7, 1999 to Dec. 7, 2001**

Mayor:	Dennis G Cowan
Commissioners:	Marie Donigan Laura J Harrison Thomas E Kuhn * Resigned 5/14/2001 Christopher Lyon * Replacement 7/9/2001 Ilene M Lanfear Pro Tem Jeanne Sarnacki Peter H Webster * Resigned 12/18/2000 Brett Tillander * Replacement 12/22/2000
City Attorney:	Charles Semchena
City Manager:	Lawrence M Doyle
City Clerk:	Mary C Haverty Retired Dec 2000 Mary Ellen Graver 1/15/01

**41<sup>st</sup> City Commission - 12/3/2001 to 12/1/2003**

Mayor:	Bill Urich
Commissioners:	Marie Donigan Carlo P Ginotti Tom Hallock Ilene Lanfear Pro Tem Christopher Lyon Jeanne Sarnacki
City Attorney:	Charles Semchena
City Manager:	Lawrence M Doyle
City Clerk:	Mary Ellen Graver

**42<sup>nd</sup> City Commission - 12/1/2003 to 12/5/2005**

Mayor:	Jim Ellison
Commissioners:	Mike Andrzejak Patricia Capello Marie Donigan, resigned 12/6/04 Andrew Prentice, replacement 12/20/04 Terry Drinkwine Carlo P Ginotti Tom Hallock - Pro Tem
City Attorney:	Chuck Semchena, Retired 9/9/05 Jim Marcinkowski, Acting City Attorney 9/12/05 David Gillam, Secrest Wardle 11/14/05
City Manager:	Lawrence M Doyle, retired 3/31/04 Tom Trice, Interim City Manager 2/9/04 Thomas Hoover, 8/2/04
City Clerk:	Mary Ellen Graver

**43<sup>rd</sup> City Commission - 12/5/2005 to 12/3/2007**

Mayor:	Jim Ellison
Commissioners:	Michael Andrzejak, Mayor Pro-Tem Patricia Capello Terry H. Drinkwine Carlo Ginotti Gary Lelito Stephen F. Miller
City Attorney:	David Gillam, 9/18/06
City Manager:	Thomas Hoover
City Clerk:	Mary Ellen Graver

**44<sup>th</sup> City Commission - 12/3/2007 to 12/7/2009**

Mayor:	Jim Ellison
Commissioners:	Carlo Ginotti, Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Andrzejak Terry H. Drinkwine Gary Lelito Stephen F. Miller, resigned 6/3/09 Charles Semchena
City Attorney:	David Gillam
City Manager:	Thomas R. Hoover, retired 2/16/09 Interim City Manager, Donald E. Johnson, effective 2/16/09
City Clerk:	Mary Ellen Graver, retired 9/12/08 Melanie Halas, effective 9/13/08

**45<sup>th</sup> City Commission - 12/7/2009 to 12/5/2011**

Mayor:	Jim Ellison
Commissioners:	Michael Andrzejak, Mayor Pro-Tem Patricia Capello Terry H. Drinkwine David Poulton Jim Rasor Charles Semchena
City Attorney:	David Gillam
City Manager:	Donald E. Johnson
City Clerk:	Melanie Halas

**46<sup>th</sup> City Commission - 12/5/2011 to 12/7/2013**

Mayor:	Jim Ellison
Commissioners:	Patricia Capello, Mayor Pro-Tem Kyle DuBuc Michael Fournier Peggy K. Goodwin David Poulton Jim Rasor
City Attorney:	David Gillam
City Manager:	Donald E. Johnson
City Clerk:	Melanie Halas