

CITY OF WACO ELECTION FACTS

MAYOR

1. J. M. Smith served as first elected Mayor of Waco, 1857
2. First female to serve as Mayor - LaNelle McNamara, 1986
3. First Caucasian female to serve as Mayor - LaNelle McNamara, 1986
4. First Hispanic to serve as Mayor - Roland Arriola, 1982 (six months)
5. First African American Mayor of Waco, Oscar N. DuConge, 1974
6. First elected Mayor since 1946 (May, 1988/R. D. Pattillo, per charter election in November, 1987)
7. First to serve two consecutive terms as Mayor, since charter election 1987 - J. Robert Sheehy, Sr., 1992-96
8. First female elected as Mayor since charter election 1987- Linda Ethridge (2000-2004)
9. First African American female elected as Mayor of Waco, (Mae Jackson), May 2004 to May 2006
10. First Mayor elected to serve longest term (5 years-2005-2010), Virginia DuPuy; after charter revision, May 2005). Mayor shall serve no more than three (3) two (2) year terms.

APPOINTED POSITIONS

1. Larry Holze was appointed May 1992 to fill the unexpired term of Bob Sheehy, Sr., who was elected Mayor.
2. William R. (Bill) Cardin was appointed to fill the unexpired term as District V representative in June 2000, to replace Linda Ethridge, who was elected Mayor.
3. Robin McDurham was appointed to fill the unexpired of Mayor due to the death of Mayor Mae J. Jackson (March 11, 2005).
4. Karen Wood was appointed by the Council to fill the unexpired term as District IV (March 22, 2005).
5. Randy Riggs was appointed (June 28, 2005) to fill the unexpired term as District III representative to replace Virginia DuPuy who was elected as Mayor on May 7, 2005.

6. Malcolm P. Duncan, Jr., was appointed Council Member to fill the May 2011 unexpired term of District V to replace Jim Bush who was elected as Mayor, May 8, 2010.

REPRESENTATION

1. Hispanic Council Member has been serving since 1977
2. First Hispanic to serve on council - Roland Arriola, (1977-1983)
3. First female to serve on council - Marilyn Jones in 1980 (District I)
4. First African American female to serve on council - Marilyn Jones in 1980
5. First African American male to serve on council - Dr. G. H. Radford, Sr. (1966-1971)
6. First Caucasian female to serve on council - Frances Sturgis, 1983
7. First female to be elected to District III - Jean Lewis McReynolds, 1988
8. First Hispanic and first female to be elected from Dist. II - Alice Flores, 1991 to 2001
9. First female to be elected to District V - Linda Ethridge, 1993
10. First time two African Americans and African American females elected to serve on the City Council at the same time (May 2004-2006) Mae Jackson, Mayor and LaRue Dorsey, District I.
11. Alice Flores Rodriguez was elected as District II represented on May 7, 2005. She previously served on the Council from May 1991 to May 2003.

CONTESTED RACES

1. 2002 - First time to have an election of all unopposed candidates; however the City could not cancel the election due to the fire fighter proposition on the May 4, 2002 ballot.
2. First time to have three city council members file for the position of Mayor [Randy Riggs, Mae Jackson, Maurice Labens]. A total of five (5) candidates filed for the Mayors position, May 2004.
3. May 7, 2005 – Five candidates on the ballot for position of Mayor to fill the unexpired term of Mae J. Jackson. [Virginia DuPuy, Maurice Labens, Matthew Wright, Bill Collins, George Coffey]

SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICT

1. Single-member districts established in June, 1976
2. Redistricting of single member district lines, November 2001

TERMS

1. 1989 was the first time to have an incumbent run for a fourth term - Ruben Santos, District II
2. 1998 was the second time to have an incumbent run for a fifth term Lawrence E. Johnson, District I (1990-2000)

RECOUNT

1. Recount Election, 1986 (Dwyer/Larsen)-No change in outcome
2. Recount Election, 1991 (Flores/Sustaita)-No change in outcome

REFERENDUM/PROPOSITIONS

1. May 4, 2002, first proposition on ballot regarding collective bargaining. Petition submitted by Waco Fire Fighters.
2. May 15, 2004, second proposition on ballot regarding the sale of park land at Brooklyn Park, 1300 Brooklyn Park. Proposition passed 4,923 to 884.
3. May 7, 2005, Three Charter Amendments on the ballot as submitted by the Charter Review Commission. All three amendments passed.
4. May 13, 2006, Local Option (Liquor) Election – Petitions were submitted to the McLennan County Elections Administrator. Election was called by McLennan County.
5. May 12, 2007, Bond Election. Six (6) Propositions on ballot regarding capital improvements for Convention Center, Fire Station, Parks & Recreation, Police Facility, Library, Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Museum. All passed totaling \$63,000,000. See file 07-005 for results.
6. May 12, 2007, Proposition on ballot regarding the sale of a portion of park land at Viking Hills Park. (Proposition Failed: For: 2,843 – Against: 3,967)

DECEASED IN OFFICE

1. Deceased while in office; Mayor C. W. (Bill) McDavid, 11-15-72 and Commissioner Ben F. Teague, 7-17-50
2. Deceased while in office; Mayor Mae J. Jackson, died Friday, February 11, 2005 in Hillcrest Hospital. Mayor Jackson was elected Mayor in May 2004, elected as Council Member for District I in May 2000 to May 2004.

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