

New Councilmembers sworn in. Council elects new Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem

Councilmembers elected in November officially took office Tuesday night, including a new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.

New Councilmembers Jess Loban, James Townsend and Jason Bower were sworn in, after Council honored outgoing members Mayor Paul Donahue, Councilman Mark Heath and Councilman Chip Wilson.

Representing District 1 (parts of The Meadows), Councilman Loban is a Colorado native and has lived in Castle Rock for eight years. Loban is a veteran of the Army and the Air Force who currently owns an engineering and architecture firm. He and his wife are raising their four children in The Meadows.

Representing District 2 (The Woodlands, Metzler Ranch, Diamond Ridge and Sapphire Pointe), Councilman Townsend grew up in Colorado Springs and moved to Castle Rock in 2008. He is a graduate of Brigham Young University. He and his wife have five children, and the family enjoys time together outdoors.

Representing District 4 (Downtown core, Craig and Gould, Castle North and Red Hawk), Councilman Bower is originally from Newport News, Virginia. He and his wife moved to Castle Rock in 2005. He is the owner and operator of Castle Rock Music, located in Downtown Castle Rock. The couple has two young sons, and the family enjoys outdoor activities and supporting local businesses and events.

New Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem

Once the new Council was seated, members elected a new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem, as defined in Town Charter. District 3 Councilmember Jennifer Green is Castle Rock's new Mayor, and District 5 Councilmember Renee Valentine is Mayor Pro Tem. The terms are two years and expire in 2018. (photo attached).

"It's an honor to be selected for this role," said Mayor Green. "Castle Rock is truly a remarkable place to live. I'm excited about our community's future. I look forward to working with my fellow councilmembers and the community in Castle Rock's next chapter."

Mayor Green and her family have lived in Castle Rock since 2002. She is a graduate of Colorado State University, with a bachelor's degree in human development and family studies. She has worked in the communications industry for more than 18 years. She and her husband and their two children live in The Meadows.

Mayor Pro Tem Valentine and her husband have lived in Castle Rock since 2004. She is graduate of Bowling Green University with a degree in hotel management. She is now a broker/owner with Keller Williams Real Estate, with an office in Downtown Castle Rock. She and her husband have four children and live in the Escavera neighborhood.

Read full biographies of all Councilmembers and find ways to contact them at CRgov.com/Council.

Town Council meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. However, the Dec. 20 meeting was cancelled. They will meet again in the New Year on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

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