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1859-1861  John C. Moore

1859  NO SPEECH FOUND
“City Election Returns”, Rocky Mountain News, December 21, 1859, Page 2, Column 3, Microfilm, Denver Public Library

1860  “Mayor’s Message”, Rocky Mountain News (Weekly), January 25, 1860, Page 2, Column 5-6, Microfilm, Denver Public Library.

1861-1863  Charles Cook – elected 2 terms (1 year)

1861  NO INAUGURAL SPEECH FOUND
“City Election Returns -- Official”, Rocky Mountain News, November 28, 1861, Page 3, Column 2, Microfilm, Denver Public Library

1862  NO INAUGURAL SPEECH FOUND
&
“Election Returns”, Daily Evening News (aka Rocky Mountain News), April 8, 1862, Page 4, Column 2, Microfilm, Denver Public Library

1863-1864  Amos Steck – elected 1 term (1 year)


1864-1865  Hiram J. Brendlinger – elected 1 term (1 year)


1865-1866  George T. Clark – elected 1 term (1 year)


1866-1868  Milton M. DeLano – elected 2 terms (1 year)

1866  “Council Proceedings – April 5, 1866”, Rocky Mountain News (Weekly), April 11, 1866, Page 3, Column 2-3
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1867  “Mayor DeLano’s Inaugural Address”, *Daily Rocky Mountain News*, April 5, 1867, Page 2, Column 1, Microfilm, Denver Public Library.

1868-1869  **William M. Clayton** – elected 1 term (1 year)


1869-1871  **Baxter B. Stiles** – elected 2 terms (1 year)


1871-1872  **John Harper** – elected 1 term (1 year)

1871  “City Council”, *Daily Rocky Mountain News*, April 7, 1871, Page 1, Column 3-4, Microfilm, Denver Public Library.

1872-1873  **Joseph E. Bates** – elected 2 terms (1 year)

1872  “Inaugural Address”, *Daily Rocky Mountain News*, April 5, 1872, Page 1, Column 4-5, Microfilm, Denver Public Library.

1873  “City Council Proceedings” (Farewell Speech) – [State of the City], *Daily Rocky Mountain News*, April 12, 1873, Page 4, Column 4, Microfilm, Denver Public Library.

1873-1874  **Francis M. Case** – elected 1 term (1 year)

1873  “City Council Proceedings” (Inaugural Speech), *Daily Rocky Mountain News*, April 12, 1873, Page 4, Column 5, Microfilm, Denver Public Library.

1874  “Old and New…. Mayor Cases Farewell Talk to the Council” - [State of the City], *Rocky Mountain News*, April 10, 1874, Page 4, Column 3-4. Microfilm, Denver Public Library

1874-1876  **William J. Barker** – elected 1 term (2 years)

1874  “Old and New…. Considerate Address of Mayor Barker”, *Rocky Mountain News*, April 10, 1874, Page 4, Column 3-4, Microfilm, Denver Public Library & SUMMARY


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“Mayor Inaugural”, *Rocky Mountain News*, April 10, 1874, Page 2, Column 1, Microfilm, Denver Public Library.
1876-1877 Dr. R. G. Buckingham – elected 1 term (1 year)
1876 “Official City Council Proceedings”, *The Daily Times*, April 8, 1876, Page 2, Column 2, Microfilm, Denver Public Library.
1877 “The New Board...Annual Address by Mayor Buckingham”- [State of the City], *Daily Denver Tribune*, April 6, 1877, Page 4, Column 2-3, Microfilm, Denver Public Library.
&
“Exits and Entries – Mayor Buckingham and Old Council Retires; Farewell”- [State of the City], *Rocky Mountain News*, October 10, 1877, Page 4, Column 3, Microfilm, Denver Public Library.

1877-1878 Baxter B. Stiles – elected 1 term

1878-1881 Richard Sopris - elected 4 terms (1 year)
1880 “A New Deal .... Mayor Delivers His Annual Address”, *Rocky Mountain News*, November 10, 1880, Page 8, Column 2-3, Microfilm, Denver Public Library.
1881 “Old and New. Two Important Sessions of the Council...Mayor Sopris’ Retiring Address” – [State of the City], *The Daily News (aka Rocky Mountain News)*, November 16, 1881, Page 8, Column 2-3, Microfilm, Denver Public Library.

1881-1883 Robert Morris – elected 2 terms (1 year)
1881 “Old and New. Two Important Sessions of the Council...Mayor Morris’ Address”, *The Daily News (aka Rocky Mountain News)*, November 16, 1881, Page 8, Column 2-3, Microfilm, Denver Public Library.
1882 “Mayor Morris’ Message”, *Rocky Mountain News*, November 17, 1882, Page 8, Column 1-2, Microfilm, History Colorado – Hart Research Library Denver Public Library’s copy too blurry to read.

1883-1885 John Long Routt – elected 1 term (1 year)
1883 “Finally Fixed... The Inaugural of Mayor Routt on Taking His Seat”, *The Daily News (aka Rocky Mountain News)*, April 13, 1883, Page 3, Column 1-3, Microfilm, Denver Public Library.

1885-1887 Joseph E. Bates - elected 1 term (2 years)
1885 “Old and New: Mayor Bates Makes an Address is Which He Promises an Honest,
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<td>Williams Scott Lee</td>
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<td>“City Election”, The Daily News (aka Rocky Mountain News), April 6, 1887, Page 2, Column 3, Microfilm, Denver Public Library</td>
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<td>1889</td>
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<td>“Londoner Inducted--Mayor Lee’s Valedictory” – [State of the City], The Daily News (aka Rocky Mountain News), April 10, 1889, Page 6, Column 1-2, Microfilm, Denver Public Library</td>
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<td>1889-1891</td>
<td>Wolfe Londoner</td>
<td>1 term (2 years)</td>
<td>“Londoner Inducted - Londoner’s Inaugural”, The Daily News (aka Rocky Mountain News), April 10, 1889, Page 6, Column 2, Microfilm, Denver Public Library</td>
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<td>1891-1893</td>
<td>Platt Rogers</td>
<td>1 term (2 years)</td>
<td>“The Honesty’s Inning”, The Daily News (aka Rocky Mountain News), April 15, 1891, Page 3, Column 6, Microfilm, Denver Public Library</td>
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<td>1893-1895</td>
<td>Marion DeKalb Van Horn</td>
<td>1 term (2 years)</td>
<td>“Spoiled Their Plot”, The Daily News (aka Rocky Mountain News), April 12, 1893, Colum 1-2, Microfilm, Denver Public Library</td>
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<td>“In Office at Last: The Newly-Elected City Fathers Take Their Seats” – [Farewell – State of the City], The Evening Post (aka Denver Post), April 9, 1895, Page 1, Column 3, Microfilm, Denver Public Library</td>
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<td>1895-1899</td>
<td>Thomas S. McMurray</td>
<td>1 term (2 years)</td>
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<td>“New Reign in Office”, The Denver Evening Post, April 13, 1897, Page 1-Coumn 1 &amp; Page 2- Column 3, Microfilm, Denver Public Library</td>
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<td>1899-1901</td>
<td>Henry V. Johnson</td>
<td>1 term (2 years)</td>
<td>“The Democrats are in Possession of the City of Denver- What Will They do with It? -- Mayor Johnson’s Inaugural Address”, The Denver Evening Post, April 11, 1899, Microfilm, Denver Public Library</td>
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<td>1901-1904</td>
<td>Robert R. Wright</td>
<td>1 term (2 years)</td>
<td>“Republicans Take Over City Affairs – The Oath Administered”, The Denver Post, April 9, 1901, Page 6, Column 1-4, Microfilm, Denver Public Library</td>
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1904-1912 **Robert Speer** – elected 2 terms (4 years)
1904 “Greater Denver’s First Mayor Grasps the Reins – Inaugural Ceremonies”, *The Daily News (aka Rocky Mountain News)*, June 2, 1904, Page 1, Column 4 and Page 5, Column 1-4, Microfilm, Denver Public Library.
1908 “Speer Inaugurated Then Building Begins Again”, *The Denver Post*, June 1, 1908, Page 2, Column 2, Microfilm, Denver Public Library.

1912-1913 **Henry J. Arnold** – elected 1 term (4 years)
1912 NO SPEECH FOUND
“‘You May See the Books’. City Policy Announced by Mayor Henry J. Arnold”, *Denver Post*, June 2, 1912, Page 2, Column 1, Microfilm, Denver Public Library.
&
“Henry J. Arnold Takes Oath as New Mayor of Denver”, *Rocky Mountain News*, June 2, 1912, Page 1, Column 5-6, Microfilm, Denver Public Library.

Arnold Resigned after the Charter was amended to Commission form of Government.
J.M. Perkins appointed / elected by Commission to complete Arnold’s remaining 2 years of term.

1913-1915 **J. M. Perkins** – elected by Commission
1913 MAYOR MADE NO SPEECH
“Perkins is Surprised by Election as Mayor”, *The Daily News (aka Rocky Mountain News)*, June 3, 1913, Page 3, Column 1-2, Microfilm, Denver Public Library.
&
“Perkins is Elected Mayor at First Commission Meet”, *Denver Post*, June 2, 1913, Page 2, Column 1-2, Microfilm, Denver Public Library

1915-1916 **William H. Sharpley** – elected by Commission
1915 “Mayor’s Pledge to People of Denver”, *Rocky Mountain News*, June 8, 1915, Page 2, Column 1, Microfilm, Denver Public Library
&
W. H. Sharpley Denver’s Mayor”, *Rocky Mountain News*, June 8, 1915, Page 2, Column 1, Microfilm, Denver Public Library
&
“Sharpley is Mayor and Promises to Work for Denver”, *Denver Post*, June 8, 1915, Page 9, Column 6-7, Microfilm, Denver Public Library

1916-1918 **Robert Speer** – elected 1 term (4 years)
1916 NO SPEECH FOUND
“Robert W. Speer Appoints His Cabinet and Assumes Duties as Mayor Of the City”, Denver Post, May 17, 1916, Page 1, Column 1-2, Microfilm, Denver Public Library

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“Speer Installed, His Cabinet Named”, Rocky Mountain News, May 18, 1916, Page 1, Column 7 and Page 3, Column 3-5, Microfilm Denver Public Library.

Robert Speer died in 1918

1918-1919 William Fitz Randolph Mills— followed upon Speer’s death

1918 “Mills Sworn in as Successor to Mayor Speer”, Rocky Mountain News, May 19, 1918, Page 1, Column 7, Microfilm, Denver Public Library

1919-1923 Dewey C. Bailey — elected 1 term (4 years)

1919 NO SPEECH FOUND


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1923-1931 Benjamin F. Stapleton — elected 2 term (4 years)

1923 NO SPEECH FOUND

“Stapleton Takes Office”, Denver Post, June 1, 1923, Page 1, Column 7 and Page 17, Column1-2, Microfilm, Denver Public Library

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“First Promise of Stapleton is Carried Out”, Rocky Mountain News, June 2, 1923, Page 1, Column 4 and “Stapleton Fulfills Campaign Pledge – Four City Employees of Bailey’s ‘Roll of Honor’ Discharged” Page 2, Column 4, Microfilm, Denver Public Library

1927 NO SPEECH FOUND

“Stapleton and Nine New City Fathers Takes Oath of Office” Denver Post”, June 1, 1927, Page 1, Column 5-8 and “Mayor and New City Fathers Take Oath of Office”, Page 4, Column 1, Microfilm, Denver Public Library

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“City Officers Sworn-In with Simple Ceremonies Wednesday”, Rocky Mountain News, June 2, 1927, Page 5, Column 2-3, Microfilm, Denver Public Library (No mention of Mayor’s comments)

1931-1935 George Davis Begole — elected 1 term (4 years)

1931 “Begole and Aids at City’s Helm”, Rocky Mountain News, June 2, 1931,
**1935-1947** Benjamin F. Stapleton – elected 3 terms (4 years)

1935 NO SPEECH FOUND


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“Stapleton and Cabinet Take Office at Colorful Ceremony”, *Denver Public Library Post*, June 1, 1935, Page 7, Column 5-6, Digital Copy, History Colorado – Hart Library.

1939 “New City Administration Takes Office in Colorful Ceremony”, *Denver Post*, June 1, 1939, Page 3, Column 3-4, Microfilm, Denver Public Library.

1943 “Stapleton and 12 Others Sworn Un for New Terms”, *Rocky Mountain News*, June 2, 1943, Page 5, Column 3-4, Microfilm, Denver Public Library

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“Stapleton Sworn in for His Fifth Term”, *Denver Post*, June 1, 1943, Page 1, Column 6, Microfilm, Denver Public Library.

**1947-1955** James Quigg Newton Jr. – elected 2 terms (4 years)


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1951 REVIEW

“It’s Check-Up Time for Quigg Newton – Voters Scan Mayor’s Record” – [State of the City], *Denver Post*, May 6, 1951, Cosmopolitan Section, Page 1, Microfilm, Denver Public Library
1951 “Newton Tells of Plans for His Next Term”, Rocky Mountain News, May 17, 1951, Page 6, Column 1, Microfilm, Denver Public Library.

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NO SPEECH FOUND
“Inaugural Rites Held in City Hall”, Denver Post, June 1, 1951, Page 3, Column 1, Microfilm, Denver Public Library

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“300 See Inauguration of Denver Officials”, Rocky Mountain News, June 2, 1951, Page 6, Column 2, Microfilm, Denver Public Library


1955-1959 Will Nicholson – elected 1 term (4 years)

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“Nicholson Lauds Newton in Inaugural Address”, Rocky Mountain News, July 2, 1955, Page 5, Column, 3-5, Microfilm, Denver Public Library

1959-1963 Richard Batterton – elected 1 term (4 years)

1959 SUMMARY
“33rd Mayor -- Batterton Inaugural Stresses Problems”, Denver Post, July 2, 1959, Page 13, Column 1-2, Microfilm, Denver Public Library

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“Serious Batterton Sworn In As Denver’s 33d Mayor”, Rocky Mountain News, July 2, 1959, Column 1-3, Microfilm, Denver Public Library.

1960 REVIEW
“Mayor’s First Year Full of Surprises” – [State of the City], Rocky Mountain News, June 12, 1960, Page 12, Column 1-5, Microfilm, Denver Public Library

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1963-1968  **Tom Currigan** – elected 1 term (4 years)


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**Left office December 31, 1968. Succeeded by Manager of Public Works - McNichols**

1968-1983  **Williams H. McNichols Jr.** – elected 4 terms (4 years)

1968  Succeeded Currigan when he resigned effective December 31, 1968


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1969  **SUMMARY** – [State of the City]


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“1,000 attend City Inauguration Ceremonies”, *Rocky Mountain News*, July 2, 1971, Page 3, Column 1-3, Microfilm, Denver Public Library.

1975  **SUMMARY**

1979  SUMMARY
   “‘No Caretaking’ McNichols Vows at Inauguration”, Denver Post, July 2, 1979, Page 14, Column 1, Microfilm, Denver Public Library.
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   Commentary

1983-1991  Federico Pena –elected 2 terms (4 years)
1987  SUMMARY - INAUGURAL
   “Pena Vows to Get City Moving”, Denver Post, July 2, 1987, Page 1, Column 1 and Page 10-A, Column 1-3, Microfilm, Denver Public Library.
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   SUMMARY
   “Pena Takes Oath for Second Term”, Rocky Mountain News, July 1, 1987, Page 1, Column 2-4, Microfilm, Denver Public Library.
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1990  SUMMARY
   “State of the City”, Rocky Mountain News, July 24, 1990, Page 1, Column 2-3 And “Pena: 1990s the ‘Denver Decade’”, Page 8, Column 1-4, Microfilm, Denver Public Library
1991-2003 Wellington Webb – elected 3 terms (4 years)


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1992 SUMMARY – [State of The City]

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1993 SUMMARY

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1995 SUMMARY - Inaugural

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1996 SUMMARY
“Webb Opens Door to Public” [State of the City], Rocky Mountain News, July 4, 1996, Page 5A, Column 1-3, Microfilm, Denver Public Library

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Meeting [video recording]: Wellington Webb - September 3, 1996- Mayor’s Annual City Round-Up, City Club of Denver, C367.978883 C498me (September 3, 1996), Western History / Genealogy Dept., Denver Public Library


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1999  SUMMARY – 3rd Inaugural

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2002  State of the City Address – July 1, 2002, Wellington E. Webb Papers (1959-2012), Folder 3, Box 39, [copy also in AV Box5- VHS tapes 2001-2003], MSS ARL7,
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2003-2011 John Hickenlooper – elected 2 terms (4 years)


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2006 Transcript: State of the City Address, 2006 (July 12, 2006), Rocky Mountain News,
https://www.denverpost.com/2006/07/12/mayor-launches-green-plan-for-denver/


**Resigned effective January 11, 2011 to become Governor**

**2011-2011** Bill Vidal - Replaced Hickenlooper who had resigned


**2011-2018** Michael Hancock – elected 2 terms (4 years)


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