



TO: Mayor and City Councilors

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1. On May 23, the Elizabeth City Police Department was notified by the State that it had been awarded a JAG (Justice Assistance Grant) in the amount of \$12,082 for the purchase of Tasers. The funds will be available October 1, 2006. These grants are awarded on an annual basis and the amount of the grant awards is determined by the population and local crime rate.
2. Correspondence was received this week from DCA Grants Management Representative, Dennis Branch, advising that he will be visiting the City on May 31 to conduct a monitoring visit on the Hugh Cale Revitalization Strategies Grant. Areas to be examined will include conformity, general administration, financial management, procurement, equal opportunity, fair housing, environmental, acquisition and housing rehabilitation.
3. Dennis Gordon, Energy Director of the Economic Improvement Council has extended an invitation to the City Council to attend a Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program on-site demonstration on June 13 at the home of a City resident. During the event, EIC and State Weatherization Program representatives will demonstrate residential energy conservation diagnostic equipment and techniques, which ease the energy burden on low-income families by reducing the costs of home energy. The event will last approximately eight hours. EIC handles the City's weatherization program. If you are interested in attending, please contact me and I will provide the time and address of the resident.
4. One of the items included in the Roanoke Avenue sewer line project was the extension of an eight-inch waterline from Lowry Street to Rich Boulevard. This connection eliminates dead ends on Roanoke Avenue and Rich Boulevard. Water flows were initiated at hydrants on Rich Boulevard and Roanoke Avenue and the flow testing indicated a 46% increase in total discharge from 1,031 gallons per minute to 1,840 gallons per minute.

This is a significant increase of available water for daily use as well as during firefighting operations.

5. The Police Department was notified this week by the Project LifeSaver organization that the basic equipment to implement this program is tentatively set to arrive in July. The training to operate the equipment will also take place in July. This program is designed, by use of a transmitter and receiving device, to locate persons suffering dementia-type disorders who wander away.
6. During the Annual North Carolina Association of Municipal Electric Systems Conference last week, the Electric Department received the 2005 Safety Award for "No Lost Work Day Cases". I would like to congratulate the Electric Department for a job well done!
7. Due to the City's observance of the Memorial Day Holiday on Monday, May 29, Monday's trash collection routes will be worked on Tuesday, May 30.
8. The Public Works Department celebrated "National Public Works Week" on Friday, May 26 with a hot dog/hamburger cookout, topped off by cake and ice cream. Approximately 100 employees enjoyed lunch together for the occasion. I would like to thank the Public Works employees for the exceptional job they do in maintaining the City's infrastructure.
9. Upcoming Events:
 - Reminder: Memorial Day Services will be held on Monday, May 29 at 1:00 p.m. at West Lawn Cemetery. Mayor Foster will be a guest speaker and the Fire Department will participate in the wreath-laying ceremony.
 - The Elizabeth City Downtown Business & Professional Association and Elizabeth City Downtown, Inc. Annual Soiree will be held at the City Wine Sellar, 102 S. Water Street, on Thursday, June 1 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. If you would like a ticket for the event, please call the office.

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