



**TO:** Mayor and City Councilors

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1. The Technical Review Committee will meet on Tuesday, July 25, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in the A.P. Midgett Building, Third Floor Conference Room. Two items are scheduled to be discussed at this meeting.
  - a. Site Plan SP-12-06 by New Community Church at 100 Kathryn Court for the construction of a 5,686 square foot metal frame building with a 400 seating capacity auditorium. The site is 3.96 acres in size.
  - b. Site Plan SP-12-06 by Earth Shakers, LLC for the construction of an office park at Nance Court. The applicant proposes to construct 9,450 square feet of building space on a 1.65 acre parcel.
2. City staff received an update from Bill Stevens, Pasquotank County Tax Administrator, on the number of parcels subject to the new stormwater utility assessment. There are 4,900 residential parcels that will be assessed, which will generate \$176,400 in revenue. Six hundred thirteen commercial parcels, along with 144 exempt parcels (i.e. churches) will be assessed \$132.00 each and will generate \$99,924. Finally, there are 101 governmental parcels including 42 for the City, 21 for Pasquotank County, 8 for Elizabeth City State University and 5 for the Elizabeth City-Pasquotank County Public School District which will be assessed an amount totaling \$13,332. Staff now anticipates that the stormwater utility revenue will be \$289,656, which is \$22,344 less than the amount included in the fiscal year 2006-2007 budget. Staff will adjust expenditures accordingly.
3. I am pleased to report that the paving of the last-known unpaved streets within the City's corporate limits was completed yesterday. The project included the paving of Ball Street, Madrin Street, Byrum Street and Scott Street. The contractor for the project was C & L Paving of Camden.

Funding for the project was made possible by use of the City's Powell Bill funding and was approved by the City Council in February 2006.

4. There were four new positions approved in the 2006-2007 fiscal year budget that the Human Resources Director will soon be advertising; a Crime Scene Processor, which is a civilian position in the Police Department, a Fire Inspector in the Fire Department, an Energy Officer in the Load Management Division of the Electric Department, and an Office Assistant position in the Inspections Department. I hope to have these positions filled by mid-August.
5. ElectriCities has advised that "degree day data" is now available on the Energy Solutions Partner website. ([www.energysolutionspartner.com](http://www.energysolutionspartner.com)) Although the Energy Solutions Partner program is for larger commercial customers, this data will be helpful to explain changes in energy consumption for any customer, residential included, that is driven by changes in weather (heating and cooling). Degree day data for ten North Carolina cities will be posted within the first five business days of each month and will include current month, the previous month, the same month in the previous year and the 30 year normal (average) for the month. The source of the data is the State Climate Office of North Carolina ([www.nc-climate.ncsu.edu](http://www.nc-climate.ncsu.edu)). The State Climate Office of North Carolina is the primary source for the NC weather and climate information.
6. The City of Elizabeth City Police Department and its community partners, under the direction of event chairman, Lt. John Young, have been planning National Night Out 2006. This year's event will be held at Waterfront Park on Tuesday, August 1 from 4 p.m. until 10 p.m. National Night Out is a night set aside across the country for law enforcement and their cities to come together to generate support for anti-crime efforts within their respective communities, to strengthen neighborhood spirit and foster police-community relationships. In doing so, a strong message is sent to our community's criminals letting them know that our neighborhoods are organized and fighting back! This year's event is slated to be even larger than last year's. Twenty different law enforcement agencies will be on hand to highlight some of their equipment and methodology and numerous other public safety entities will provide displays and demonstrations. There will be a water rescue demonstration performed by the U. S. Coast Guard, military tanks, vehicles and planes will be on display and animal safety and air rifle demonstrations will be offered by local law enforcement officials. The children attending will enjoy free rides, a rock wall, a super slide, a moonwalk and a Jurassic Adventure as well as finger-painting, face-painting, racing boats, drag cars and monster trucks. Live entertainment

scheduled to perform includes The Fat Ammons Band, a jazz band, gospel groups and the Shriners Hillbilly Band as well as a live remote by Beach 104 and WRVS. Of course, the night would not be complete without visits from McGruff the Crime Dog, the Crash Dummies, Smoky the Bear, Sparky the Fire Dog and Cassie the Clown. Over 150 displays, demonstrations and events are planned! For the hungry, there will be food concessions and refreshments. At the conclusion of the night, Gravedigger and others will lead a UNITY WALK through a crime-invested City neighborhood.

7. Upcoming event:

There will be a Business After Hours, hosted by the Elizabeth City Area Chamber of Commerce, celebrating EMBARQ (formerly Sprint) at the Museum of the Albemarle on Thursday, July 20 from 5 – 7 p.m.

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