



TO: Mayor and City Councilors

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1. A meeting was held on July 18, 2006 with representatives of HDR, a consulting engineering firm for DOT, to discuss the recently performed bridge inspection report. The Providence Road Bridge is structurally satisfactory. The bridge is made with timber and the timber fibers are separating, giving the bridge its shaking effect. They recommended sealing the cracks on the deck, which Staff will be doing. While in the meeting, HDR presented a letter indicating they had found an error in the load calculations. The bridge is now to be posted as SV = 19 Tons, TTST = 24 Tons. It was originally SV = 19 Tons, TTST = 28 Tons and then changed to SV = 12 Tons, TTST = 22 Tons before discovering the error. The Charles Creek Bridge is fair but aged. An area of exposed rebar under the deck was repaired. It was pointed out that the deck would need some work if it were not being replaced.
2. I have received notice from Integra Development that they closed on the Elizabeth Manor property on June 30, 2006. TM Associates, Inc. has taken over management of the property. They are still working on the HUD d 4 Application with AGM and will be submitting the application to HUD by the end of the month. AGM is working on the Bond documents and should have a draft to circulate by mid-August. They plan to take the bid documents to the City Council in September with the actual closing to take place in November.
3. Bids were received and opened on July 20, 2006 for the construction of the proposed Airport Apron Expansion. The project consists of a 400' x 200' concrete parking apron next to the Tamsco facility on Consolidated Road and will be used to park airplanes as large as the C-130's used by the Coast Guard. Three bids were received. The low bidder was Barnhill Contracting Company in the amount of \$1,309,366.90. A smaller bid was received on June 20, 2006 for the construction of the erosion control devices. The low bidder was George Raper and Sons in the amount of \$30,877.00. Total construction cost for the project is \$1,340,243.90. Project funding is through grants received from Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce Infrastructure

Development Funds and NC Golden Leaf Funds as well as a bridge loan through Pasquotank County. We expect to award the project at the August 14 Council meeting. The construction is expected to take 2 months.

4. The initial training for Project LifeSaver will begin on July 24, 2006 and will be hosted at College of the Albemarle. Eight Elizabeth City Police Officers will be participating in the training, which will assist the department in locating and recovering patients participating in the program who suffer from dementia type disorders that wander off from home or assisted living facilities. The program is designed for patients who suffer from Alzheimer's, Autism, Down syndrome and other dementia disorders. Project LifeSaver is a regional concept and in addition to Elizabeth City Police Officers, the training will be attended by law enforcement officers from Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck counties. The initial equipment has been purchased to implement the program regionally at a cost of \$20,000. Over \$5,000 has been raised locally in donations for equipment purchases and operating costs. The program will be tentatively implemented by September 1st and the Department's Community Policing Division will be administering the program locally under the direction of Sgt. John Etheridge. Project LifeSaver is a program that is designed to locate patients suffering from dementia type disorders by utilizing electronic transmitter and tracking equipment.
5. On May 8, 2006 a presentation was made to City Council by representatives of Honeywell on the implementation of a video surveillance camera program in Elizabeth City. The Elizabeth City Police Department worked with Honeywell, the Cybrix Group and ADT in developing a surveillance system and identifying the needs of Elizabeth City. In early June and July of this year the video surveillance program was submitted to vendors through the bidding process. The City has not received any bids to date for the surveillance camera project. The Elizabeth City Police Department is currently attempting to locate a consultant to assist the City and Police Department in locating vendors and contractors that can fulfill the needs of the video surveillance camera project.
6. The Parks and Recreation Department held its annual Drug Prevention Basketball Camp this past week at the Knobbs Creek Recreation Center. Approximately thirty-five to forty under-privileged kids participated each day. We want to thank McDonalds and the Police Athletic League for co-sponsoring this event.

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