

THE CITY OF  
**ELIZABETH CITY**  
NORTH CAROLINA



**TO:** Mayor and City Councilors

**FROM:** Rich Olson, City Manager

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1. It was my great pleasure to attend the opening of the Veterans Administration Albemarle Primary Outpatient Clinic today. I remember three years ago when it was suggested that the VA was looking for a site in northeastern North Carolina for an outpatient clinic and several cities were under consideration. Several members of our community worked extremely hard to insure that Elizabeth City would be the recipient of the clinic. The clinic is a facility of which all residents of northeastern North Carolina can be proud. The size of the clinic and the different services offered, as well as the ability to use the most modern technologies, will benefit the 7,000 veterans that live in the Albemarle region. Veterans will no longer need to travel 90 minutes to the Hampton, Virginia facility for routine medical services. We must not overlook that the VA clinic is a form of economic development. The facility will have 16 fulltime employees who will be paid an excellent wage. As a country, we need to insure that those individuals who serve are respected and well cared for, and I am proud that Elizabeth City can play a part in meeting that goal.
2. Last Friday, George Raper provided City staff with an updated work schedule for Phase IV of the Elizabeth Street utility relocation project. I had previously informed the Council that he would begin Phase IV on December 1, 2011. His revised schedule now indicates that work at the intersection of Colonial Avenue and Martin Luther King Drive will begin on November 25, 2011, the day after Thanksgiving. The intersection will be closed off and demolition work will begin. City offices are closed on November 25, 2011 for the extended Thanksgiving holiday. Due to the changes in the project schedule, staff will complete the move to the Customer Service temporary office at the mall over the Thanksgiving weekend and will be open for business at 8:30 a.m. on November 28. We have updated our notices to reflect this change. The Council meeting, which is scheduled for November 28 will remain at City Hall. Members of

the City Council and the public will need to enter the City Hall complex off of Poole Street.

3. The City was notified by the Pasquotank County Board of Elections today that they will conduct a recount for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Councilman seat, pursuant to NCGS §163-182.7(a) on Monday, November 14, 2011 at 2 p.m. The recount will take place in the Board of Elections office at 426 McArthur Drive.
4. Most City offices will be closed tomorrow in observance of the Veterans' Day holiday. The Friday garbage and recycling route will be collected on Monday, November 14. I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday weekend.
5. Everything is ready to go for the Council's annual Veterans' Day Observance that will be held tomorrow morning at 9 a.m. at Mariners' Wharf Park. I have placed a copy of the program at the end of today's FYI. We are very fortunate to have Captain David C. Haynes, Commanding Officer of the National Strike Force Coordination Center as the keynote speaker. In addition, we learned yesterday afternoon that Mrs. Jean Reaves, Veterans Liaison for the Office of US Senator Kay Hagan will also be in attendance. I look forward to seeing everyone there.
6. The North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency (NCEMPA) has signed a new supplemental load agreement with Progress Energy for the years 2018 through 2031. Under the new agreement, NCEMPA will purchase the additional power necessary to meet the energy needs of Elizabeth City and the 31 other members beyond that supplied by the generation facilities currently owned by the Power Agency. The agreement was entered after an extensive review of numerous proposals. The long-term agreement with Progress Energy was the lowest-cost option. A committee of ElectriCities staff, as well as representatives from NCEMPA Participants, recommended the agreement to the governing boards. The agreement preserves the value of NCEMPA's long-standing demand side management program, which saves the customers of the Power Agency members more than \$40 million each year. Elizabeth City saves approximately \$2 million each year.
7. Upcoming Event Reminders:
  - City Council regular meeting, Monday, November 14 at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers
  - The Elizabeth City-Pasquotank County Community Relations Commission will hold its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Witherspoon-Harris Community

Service Award Ceremony on Wednesday, November 16 at 7 p.m. at the K. E. White Graduate Center, Room 107.

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**City of Elizabeth City Council  
2011 Veterans' Day Observance  
Mariners' Wharf Park  
Friday, November 11, 2011 ~ 9 a.m.**

Welcome	Mayor Pro Tem Anita Hummer
Posting of Colors	Elizabeth City Fire Department
Pledge of Allegiance	Mayor Pro Tem Anita Hummer
National Anthem	Performed by C. J. Williams Pasquotank County High School
Invocation	Rev. Michael "Hipp" Barclift
Remarks and Recognition	Mayor Pro Tem Anita Hummer
Occasion	Mayor Roger A. McLean
Introduction of Speaker	Chairman Lloyd E. Griffin, III Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners
Keynote Speaker	Captain David C. Haynes Commanding Officer National Strike Force Coordination Center
Ceremonial Wreath-Layings	Elizabeth City Fire Department Elizabeth City Police Department Mayor and City Council Members
Taps	Performed by C. J. Griffin Pasquotank County High School
Closing Remarks	Mayor Pro Tem Anita Hummer
Closing Prayer	Rev. Michael "Hipp" Barclift