



TO: Mayor and City Councilors

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1. The City of Elizabeth City, with a great deal of help from Christy Saunders, Emergency Management Coordinator, has submitted a Letter of Interest to the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management to receive funding under the 2007 Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Program. The letter covered 21 residential properties within the Oxford Heights Subdivision and two pieces of commercial property located downtown. A property owner questionnaire was sent to the affected residents in Oxford Heights to determine the scope of the grant and the level of interest within the subdivision. Utilizing the criteria stated in the grant, the Letter of Interest was in the amount of \$2,924,413. The Letter of Interest was required to be submitted by December 29, 2006. Additional information will be required by FEMA over the next few weeks; and, we will refine our application once we have received the questionnaires back from the residents. The grant does call for a local match and/or in-kind services, which would still need to be identified. I would like to thank Christy Saunders for all her help in this matter.
2. There will be a lottery drawing held on January 2, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. in the 3rd floor conference room of the A. P. Midgett Municipal Building to determine to whom the one (1) available taxicab franchise will be awarded. All persons who submitted applications on or after September 1, 2006 are invited to attend the lottery process. The successful applicant will be notified as soon as possible after the drawing.
3. The Elizabeth City Police Department will be hosting an advisory board meeting on January 3, 2007 to determine the needs of the community as related to emerging gang activity. Individuals from the Elizabeth City/Pasquotank Public School System, Elizabeth City State University, Elizabeth City Housing Authority, the Ministerial Association, Pasquotank County Social Services, Juvenile Justice, Parks and Recreation, Albemarle

Hospital, College of the Albemarle, Pasquotank County Sheriff's Department, Pasquotank County Correctional Facility, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, River City Community Development Corporation, the District Attorney's Office and several citizens at large have been invited to attend and participate in the planning for gang prevention and intervention for our community. The results of this meeting will be reported back to the City Council. Lt. John Young of the Police Department is spearheading the efforts of this Advisory/Gang board.

4. The Elizabeth City Police Department, in an effort to meet its current, future and regional drug enforcement needs, will be soliciting assistance from the State of North Carolina and the United States Government. An initial meeting is in the planning stages for late January/early February with law enforcement administrators of Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Gates and Chowan Counties as well as the municipal Police Departments. The purpose of this meeting is to solicit a broad range of support for additional drug enforcement resources from both the State and Federal level. In addition to law enforcement support, it will be necessary to seek the support from the local governing bodies of the various agencies in the form of resolutions and letters of support. Although local law enforcement enjoys an excellent working relationship with its Federal and State counterparts, they are also operating on constraints. In order to obtain any permanently assigned State and Federal drug enforcement resources in our region, it will require a broad range of support from our local area working with the State and Federal Department of Justice and especially the elected legislative representatives on both the State and Federal levels. I anticipate that it will take six months to a year before any measurable progress can be made in these requests.
5. All City Offices will be closed on Monday, January 1, 2007 in observance of the New Year's Holiday. Monday's garbage collection routes will be worked on Tuesday, January 2.

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