

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. (1)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT MEETING DATE: February 24, 2009

TITLE: A Public Hearing to Obtain Community Input on Town Needs and Budget for Upcoming FY09-10

DEPARTMENT: Town Manager	PUBLIC HEARING: YES
ATTACHMENTS: A. Public Hearing Notice B. Request from Charles Morton and staff response C. Request from Tanya Jisa	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Stewart, Town Manager 918-7315

PURPOSE:

Annually, the Board of Aldermen adopts a budget, effective July 1- June 30th for the Town. The Board, as part of its budget review, schedules a public hearing to receive comments from residents in the community regarding town services. These comments shall be considered in developing the FY2009-10 operating and capital budgets during the budget process.

INFORMATION:

To notify citizens of this opportunity to be heard, notice of this public hearing was advertised in The Chapel Hill Herald, on WCHL, on the Channel 18 Bulletin Board, and on the town's website (townofcarrboro.org).

The advertisement notifies residents of a public hearing to receive public input. The ad also invites residents to submit written comments that will be submitted to the Board. The ad has also been posted on the Town's website for residents to provide feedback on the budget. Residents may also send an email to the Town Clerk via the Town's website (townofcarrboro.org). All comments will be summarized by the town staff and given to the Board as they are received following the public hearing.

In addition, the Board of Aldermen is requested to provide input to the Town Manager on needs or service improvements that they consider important in developing the FY09-10 budget.

Residents will also have another opportunity to speak about Town services and their reactions to the Town Manager's recommended FY09-10 budget in a public hearing planned for Tuesday, May 26, 2009.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Board shall receive community comments on town services and needs for the upcoming budget year and provide input to the Town Manager on needs and service improvements to consider in developing the FY2009-10 budget.