

## BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(1)

### AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

**MEETING DATE: February 26, 2002**

**TITLE: A Public Hearing To Obtain Community Input On Town Needs and Budget For Upcoming FY2002-03**

<b>DEPARTMENT: Town Manager</b>	<b>PUBLIC HEARING: YES ____ NO <u>x</u></b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> <b>A. Public Hearing Notice</b> <b>B. Survey</b>	<b>FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:</b> <b>Robert W. Morgan, Town Manager 968-7706</b>

#### PURPOSE:

Annually, the Board of Aldermen adopts a budget, effective July 1- June 30<sup>th</sup> 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 FY2002-03 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 Time Warner's Community Bulletin Board station, 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. For those who want to complete a survey on town services, they may write, email, or visit the Town's website (townofcarrboro.org) beginning February 28th. The survey will also be sent to advisory board members following board approval. All comments will be summarized by the town staff and given to the Board as they are received following the public hearing. Town staff has prepared a copy of the proposed survey for review and comment by the Board.

Residents will also have another opportunity to speak about Town services and their reactions to the Town Manager's recommended FY02-03 budget in a public hearing on May 7, 2002.

#### ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION

The Board shall receive community comments on town services and needs for the upcoming budget year. The Board is requested to provide comments on the survey prior to placing it on the website. The town staff and Board will consider residents' requests and survey comments in developing the FY2002-03 budget.