

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT**

ITEM NO. D(1)

MEETING DATE: May 7, 2002

TITLE: Public Hearing on FY2002-03 Budget

DEPARTMENT: Management Services	PUBLIC HEARING: YES ____ NO <u>x</u>
ATTACHMENTS: A. Notice of Public Hearing	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: L. Bingham Roenigk, 968-7701

PURPOSE The Board, prior to adopting the FY2002-03 budget ordinance, is required by GS 159-15 (b) to schedule a public hearing. The public hearing is designed to receive community input on the Manager's recommended budget for fiscal year 2002-03.

INFORMATION

The Manager presented his recommended budget for fiscal year 2002-03 to the Board of Aldermen on April 23, 2002. The Board of Aldermen adopted a budget review schedule that set the public hearing for May 7, 2002.

To ensure that the public has access to the budget document and is aware of the public hearing, GS 159-12 (a) requires the Town Clerk to have the budget document in her office for public inspection until the budget ordinance is adopted. In addition, copies of the recommended budget are available at the Carrboro Branch Library and the Chapel Hill Public Library. The budget is also posted on the Town's website at www.townofcarrboro.org.

The statute also requires the Town Clerk to make a copy of the budget available to all news media in the county and to publish a statement that the budget has been submitted to the governing board, and is available for public inspection. The statement must also give notice of the time and place of the budget hearing. Attached is the notice of public hearing published by the Town Clerk. Notices announcing tonight's public hearing were also published in The Chapel Hill Herald and placed on the Time Warner Community Bulletin Board. Copies of the notice of tonight's public hearing were also mailed to the town's advisory board members.

In an effort to expand the realm of input into the budget process, town staff also introduced a survey inviting residents to submit written comments to be shared with the Board. This survey was posted on the town's website and was advertised within the public notice. As of April 30, seventy (70) responses had been submitted.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION

The Board is requested to receive citizen comments on the recommended budget for 2002-03.

