

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(2)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: January 27, 2004

TITLE: Continuation of the Public Hearing To Obtain Community Input On Town Needs and Budget For Upcoming FY04-05

DEPARTMENT: Town Manager	PUBLIC HEARING: YES ___ NO <u>x</u>
ATTACHMENTS: A. Communications from Residents Regarding FY04-05 Budget	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Stewart, Town Manager 918-7315

PURPOSE:

The January 13th public hearing to receive comments from residents in the community regarding town services for the upcoming FY04-05 fiscal year was continued to tonight's meeting to allow time for additional public comment and consideration. These comments shall be considered in developing the FY2004-05 operating and capital budgets during the budget process.

INFORMATION:

This opportunity for citizens to be heard is scheduled much earlier than in past years. The decision to move this hearing from March to January is to enable departments to consider citizen requests in their budget plans which are submitted for internal management review in early February. The Board of Aldermen requested an extension of time for residents to provide input. In addition, a placeholder on the Town's website offers residents an opportunity to email the Town Clerk.

Residents will also have another opportunity to speak about Town services and their reactions to the Town Manager's recommended FY04-05 budget in a public hearing on Tuesday, May 11 2004. At all times, emails and other communication will be received throughout the budget process and forwarded to the Board and staff for consideration.

ADMINISTRATION'S 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 FY2004-05 budget.