

# BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. (2)

## AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT MEETING DATE: February 22, 2005

**TITLE: A Public Hearing To Obtain Community Input On Town Needs and Budget For Upcoming FY05-06**

<b>DEPARTMENT: Town Manager</b>	<b>PUBLIC HEARING: YES ___ NO <u>x</u></b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> A. Public Hearing Notice B. Letter from Nerys Levy, Project Director for Community Dinner Committee C. Letter from Carrboro Elementary School	<b>FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:</b> Steven Stewart, Town Manager 918-7315

### 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 FY2005-06 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 Herald, on WCHL, 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. 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. Town staff has prepared an ad for review and comment by the Board.

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 FY05-06 budget.

Residents will also have another opportunity to speak about Town services and their reactions to the Town Manager's recommended FY05-06 budget in a public hearing on Tuesday, May 24, 2005.

### 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 FY2005-06 budget.