

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. (1)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: May 27, 2008

TITLE: A Public Hearing on FY2008-09 Manager's Recommended Budget

DEPARTMENT: Town Manager	PUBLIC HEARING: YES x NO
ATTACHMENTS: A. Public Hearing Notice	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Stewart, Town Manager 918-7315

PURPOSE:

The Board of Aldermen, prior to adopting the budget, is required by G.S. 159-15 (b) to schedule a public hearing. The public hearing is designed to receive community input on the Manager's recommended budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Following the budget hearing, the Board is requested to provide direction to the Town Manager for the June 3rd meeting, including preparations for the final budget and a work session agenda, if desired.

INFORMATION:

The Manager presented his recommended budget for fiscal year 2008-09 to the Board of Aldermen on May 13, 2008.

To ensure that the public has access to the budget document and is aware of the public hearing, G.S. 159-12 (a) requires the Town Clerk to have the budget document in her office for public inspection until the budget ordinance is adopted. The document is also available 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 the public hearing published by the Town Clerk in The Chapel Hill Herald and on the Town's website. This notice was also sent to El Centro Latino.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Board is requested to receive comments on the recommended budget, provide directions to the Town Manager for preparing the final budget, and establish an agenda for the June 3rd work session, if desired.