

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. A(1)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: May 24, 2011

TITLE: Public Hearing on FY2011-12 Manager's Recommended Budget

DEPARTMENT: Town Manager	PUBLIC HEARING: YES <u>X</u> NO <u> </u>
ATTACHMENTS: A. Public Hearing Notice	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Stewart, Town Manager 918-7315

PURPOSE:

Prior to adopting the annual budget ordinance, the Board of Aldermen is required by G.S. 159-12 (b) to hold a public hearing on the Manager's recommended budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Any person(s) who wish to be heard on the budget may appear. Following the budget hearing, the Board is requested to provide direction to the Town Manager for the final budget to be adopted on June 21, 2011.

INFORMATION:

The Manager presented his recommended budget for fiscal year 2011-12 to the Board of Aldermen on May 3, 2011. 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 available 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 *Herald Sun* and aired on WCHL-Radio.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Board is requested to receive comments from the public on the recommended budget and provide directions to the Town Manager for preparation of the final budget ordinance for FY 2011-12.