

## BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. (B) 3

### AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: April 24, 2012

**TITLE: Conduct 2<sup>nd</sup> public hearing on the CDBG Small Business and Entrepreneurial Program Application proposal for Roberson Street Sewer**

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| <b>DEPARTMENT: Economic and Community Development</b>   | <b>PUBLIC HEARING: <u>YES</u> or NO</b>  |
| <b>ATTACHMENTS:</b><br>Attachment A – Town of Carrboro, CDBG-SBEA 2011 Application, Roberson Street Sewer Extension | <b>FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:</b><br><b>Annette D. Stone, AICP</b><br><b>Economic and Community Development Director</b> |

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the agenda item is to conduct the second of two (2) required public hearings to gather public input on Community Development Block Grant Funds from the NC Department of Commerce, Community Investment and Assistance under the Small Business and Entrepreneurial Program.

**INFORMATION:** In response to the on August 26, 2011 failure of the common private sewer lateral that serves the businesses on the 100 East Main Street, the Board of Aldermen passed a resolution of intent to pursue construction of a public sewer line on Roberson Street. In addition, the Board passed a resolution requesting that Orange County participate in the funding of a public sewer on Roberson utilizing the ¼ cents sales tax designated for Economic Development. The estimated cost of the project is \$223000. The Public Works Department has already begun preliminary engineering analysis to determine feasibility. Town staff has identified a potential source of funding through the NC Department of Commerce, Division of Community Investment and Assistance, Small Business Entrepreneurial Assistance Grant Program. The Roberson Street Sewer extension is an eligible activity and consistent with the CDBG – SBEA program.

The proposed project is to extend the OWASA public sewer main from Maple Street over to Roberson Street to serve the 100 block of businesses on East Main Street in Carrboro, NC. Extension of this public sewer main will ensure the continued viability of the businesses in the project area. This block of buildings houses 22 businesses and approximately 140 employees. ACME Food and Beverage is the largest employer with 40 employees and will be considered the main beneficiary of the grant funds for CDBG application purposes. Funding for this project will result in minimum job retention of 8 employees. The total project cost, including \$5000 for creating an entrepreneurial environment, is projected to be \$238,600.00. The Town is requesting 70% of the project cost from CDBG funds at a total grant request of \$171,700.00.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This project proposal includes a 30% local match resulting in a \$66,900.00 contribution from local sources. Orange County has indicated a willingness to participate in the local match that amount maybe be divided by 2, or \$33,450.00

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends the Board receive public comment and adopt the resolution to submit the application on behalf of the Town and authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary documents included within the application.