



**Date:** May 21, 2015  
**To:** Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager  
**Through:** Wanda S. Page, Deputy City Manager  
**From:** Bertha T. Johnson, Budget and Management Services Director  
**Subject:** Public Hearing on the FY2015-16 Budget and FY2016-21 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

### **Executive Summary**

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments on the proposed FY2015-16 Budget and FY2016-2021 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

### **Recommendation**

The administration recommends the Council hold a public hearing on June 1, 2015 to receive comments on the proposed FY2015-16 Budget and FY2016-21 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). In conjunction with the public hearing, a live E-Town Hall event will be held whereby citizens can submit comments and questions directly to Council via email, video and social media.

### **Background**

The City Council held a public hearing on March 2<sup>nd</sup> to obtain input from residents on the development of the FY2015-16 budget. The March 2<sup>nd</sup> hearing was in addition to the required public hearing. During the budget development process, City Council also held five “Coffees with Council” to obtain input from residents on the development of the FY15-16 budget and CIP. Conducting the public hearings, the Coffees with Council and the E-Town Hall support the “engaged community” objective of the City’s Strategic Plan Goal 4: Well Managed City, which is to provide professional management that is accountable, efficient and transparent. We want to enhance residents’ opportunity to provide input on the proposed budget and CIP.

North Carolina G.S. 159-12(b) requires that the City Council hold one public hearing on the city manager’s proposed budget to allow citizens to provide comments to the City Council. This item is the required public hearing on the proposed FY2015-16 Budget and FY2016-21 CIP.

### **SDBE Summary**

Not Applicable.