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News Release

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Durham Residents Invited to Join City Council for Coffee and Conversation

Community Meetings and Third Annual E-Town Hall Set for 2015-2016 Budget

DURHAM, N.C. – Durham residents interested in giving their input directly to the City Council on the City of Durham’s budget should mark their calendars now to attend an upcoming “Coffee with Council” meeting as well as participate in the third annual E-Town Hall.

Hosted by the Durham City Council, the Coffee with Council sessions are a series of face-to-face meetings designed to give residents the opportunity to provide direct feedback to council members on budget priorities for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. The sessions also include a presentation on the City’s budget outlook for the upcoming fiscal year. Residents who have ideas or comments on the use of City resources are welcome to attend any of the meetings scheduled below:

- Monday, February 9 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. – Durham Public Schools Resource Center, 2107 Hillandale Road (PAC 2)
- Saturday, February 14 from 10 a.m. to noon – Campus Hill Recreation Center, 2000 S. Alston Ave. (PAC 4)
- Thursday, March 12 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. – City Hall Committee Room, Second Floor, 101 City Hall Plaza (PAC 5; Spanish translation will be provided)
- Saturday, March 14 from 10 a.m. to noon – Lyon Park Community Family Life and Recreation Center, 1309 Halley St. (PAC 3)
- Saturday, March 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – Holton Career and Resource Center’s Child Care Center, Second Floor, 401 N. Driver St. (PAC 1)

There will also be two budget public hearings held in conjunction with regularly scheduled City Council meetings. The first public hearing will be held on Monday, March 2 and the second public hearing will be held on Monday, June 1. In conjunction with the June public hearing, residents are also invited to participate in the third annual E-Town Hall. City Council members will again take part in the interactive event, addressing questions submitted by Durham taxpayers regarding how tax dollars are allocated in the proposed budget and what the priorities are for the upcoming year based on the City Manager's budget presentation, which will take place on Monday, May 18. Residents will be asked to submit their questions for E-Town Hall by May 29 through Facebook at <http://Facebook.com/CityofDurhamNC>, on Twitter at <http://Twitter.com/CityofDurhamNC>, or by email at eTownHall@DurhamNC.gov. Residents can upload a video of their question to YouTube and then share the link by email at eTownHall@DurhamNC.gov.

For more information about the Coffee with Council meetings or E-Town Hall, contact Vivienne Bass with the City's Budget and Management Services Department by email at Vivienne.Bass@DurhamNC.gov or call (919) 560-4111, ext. 20225.

About the Budget & Management Services Department

The Budget and Management Services Department is responsible for preparing, implementing, and monitoring the City's annual operating budget as well as the five-year revenue/expenditure projections for all City government services. The department also provides operational and organizational studies as identified by the City Council, City Manager's Office, and department staff. Guided by the City's Strategic Plan, which the department established and maintains, the department helps to ensure that the City of Durham is a well-managed city by working with City agencies to build and implement performance measurement monitoring and evaluation. The department is also responsible for preparing the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), conducting resident satisfaction surveys, and evaluating departmental achievement of City goals and objectives. To learn more, visit <http://DurhamNC.gov/ich/as/bms/Pages/Home.aspx>.

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