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City Holds Public Hearing on Budget

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city of Harrisonburg will soon hold a public hearing on the budget for the next fiscal year.

At the next City Council meeting, on **Tuesday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m.**, a public hearing will be held and citizens are encouraged to attend and express their views on the upcoming budget.

The city operates on a fiscal year and the next budget will include expenditures and revenues from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. The city's charter requires that the budget be adopted by May 31, 2016.

In November of every year, the city manager begins designing a city budget. It requires a dedication of time, careful ordering of priorities, consultation with the comprehensive plan and capital improvement plan, and input from citizens and business owners.

Most of the city's general tax revenues and discretionary resources are pooled into a central \$104.8 million General Fund. However, the city budget includes 22 other funds totaling another \$131 million, including school funds and various enterprise funds. The total of all proposed funds is just under \$236 million.

As noted in years past, the impact of a growing community will continue to have a significant effect on the city's upcoming budgets. With more residents in the city each year, the more the city's services, programs, facilities, and infrastructure will be utilized.

Members of the public interested in speaking at the upcoming public hearing are invited to the meeting on April 26 at 7:00 p.m. in City Council chambers, 409 S. Main St. Those speaking on the budget are welcome to do so after this agenda item is introduced and may speak for up to five minutes.

To review the fiscal year 2016-2017 draft budget in its entirety, visit www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/budget. A paper copy is also available for review in the City Manager's office (3rd floor of City Hall, 409 S. Main St.) and at the Massanutten Regional Library (174 S. Main St.).

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to approximately 50,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.

