

Council begins detailed review of proposed budget
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The

Charlottesville City Council

took a first look at the

City Manager's proposed budget

during a line-by-line reading at a work session held on March 6, 2008. Council will adopt a budget on April 15, following a series of public hearings.

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During the hour and a half meeting, City Manager Gary O'Connell began the process of taking Councilors through each section to see if they had any questions about his proposals. Sections reviewed included revenue assumptions, City staffing, as well as a description of any changes that have been made to the City's tax and fee schedule. Each of these sections is available on the

City's budget website

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Councilors Huja, Taliaferro and Edwards listen to City Manager Gary O'Connell

Councilors peppered O'Connell with questions ranging from fluctuations in utility tax collections to how various transfers are recorded in the budget.

A second work session on the Capital Improvement Program budget will be held on

March 13

, and on

March 18

the focus will be on outside agencies. A wrap-up work session will be held on

April 1

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March 17

, followed by a second public hearing on

April 7

. Council will adopt the budget at a special meeting held on

April 15

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Timeline for Podcast:

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