City Council Action Agenda - August 25, 2026

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Present:

Mayor Esther E. Manheimer, Presiding; Vice-Mayor S. Antanette Mosley; Councilman Bo Hess; Councilwoman Kim Roney; Councilwoman Sheneika Smith; Councilwoman Sage Turner; Councilwoman Maggie Ullman; City Manager DK Wesley; City Attorney Brad Branham; and City Clerk Magdalen Burleson

Summary/Action:

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to renew a contract with CDW-G for Amazon Web Services Cloud Computing Services.

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to renew an Event Support Grant Agreement with the Asheville Area Arts Council for calendar years 2027, 2028 and 2029, to reimburse cultural and arts-related non-profit events for certain fees and charges.

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend the contract with Fiserv (ByPass Mobile) for two additional years of license and software support at Harrah's Cherokee Center - Asheville.

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the 2026-27 Buncombe County Funding Agreement for the allocation of funds to support the City of Asheville Leadership Academy program.

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept the U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development Continuum of Care funding for Fiscal Year 2025; and approve a budget amendment, in the amount of $4,452 for the Fiscal Year 2025 Continuum of Care Program; and to ratify the Youth Homelessness Systems Improvement application and accept any funds awarded.

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Memorandums of Agreement for internal projects for Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery planning and infrastructure funding.

- Adopted Unanimously

Ordinance amending Sections 2-226 through 2-230 of the Code of Ordinances regarding the Grievance Procedure to align with NC Statute Section 8(b); and to adopt an administrative grievance policy & process that aligns with the ordinance and provides clear, easy-to-understand guidance to employees.

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution approving the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Annual Tax Settlement and adopting the Order of Collection for FY 2026-27.

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute (1) a contract amendment for the annual payment to Buncombe County for the Public Safety Interoperability System local agreement; (2) a contract amendment for the annual payment to Buncombe County for the Centralized Data Entry interlocal agreement; and (3) a contract amendment for the annual payments to Buncombe County for the County Identification Bureau interlocal agreement.

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution ratifying the agreement for automatic aid service with Reems Creek Fire Department.

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution adopting the Buncombe-Madison Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

- Adopted Unanimously

Budget amendment, in the amount of $15,000, from Duke Energy for the purchase of forest fire protection shelters.

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Town of Black Mountain wherein they support funding for Route 170 in Fiscal Year 2027.

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a planning and conceptual design contract with HR&A for the Asheville Rides Transit Place Project at 50 Asheland Avenue.

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend the existing paratransit contract with Buncombe County to reflect an increase in funding for Fiscal Year 2026 and to sign all documents necessary to effect this amendment.

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Buncombe County for Americans with Disabilities Paratransit Services for Fiscal Year 2027.

- Adopted Unanimously

Budget amendment to add $584,124 to the General Capital Projects Fund to reflect revenue collected within the City's Sidewalk Fee-in-Lieu project, to be used for future design and construction of pedestrian improvements.

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract amendment with Walker Consultants for additional professional services related to the capital repairs at the Harrah's Cherokee Center Asheville and Biltmore Avenue parking garages.

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept the U.S. Dept. of Justice 2025 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents associated with the grant, and to adopt a budget amendment in the City's Special Revenue Fund in the amount of $80,898.00.

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for funding from the N.C. Dept. of Environmental Quality Division of Waste Management Debris Recovery & Disposal Grant Program; to accept said grant funds if awarded; and enter into any agreement documents necessary for such acceptance.

- Adopted Unanimously

Monthly municipal property tax refunds or releases per North Carolina General Statute section

105-38.

- Adopted Unanimously

Manager’s Report - Introduction of Alana York as a Lead for North Carolina Fellow through the UNC School of Government

- Introduced Alana York as a Lead for North Carolina Fellow through the UNC School of Government

Manager’s Report - Azalea Parks & Infrastructure Project

- Heard Manager’s Report on Azalea Parks & Infrastructure Project

Public hearing to rezone 23 Heritage Drive from RM-16 Residential Multi-Family High Density District to Highway Business District.

- Adopted Unanimously

Public hearing to consider an amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance to permit duplexes as an allowed primary use in all residential and certain mixed-use zoning districts.

- Adopted Unanimously

Public hearing to consider an amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance to increase the maximum allowed size of accessory dwelling units.

- Adopted Unanimously

Public hearing to consider an amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance to eliminate off-street parking requirements.

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution calling for the City of Asheville's Manager to terminate the City’s contract with Flock

- Adopted on a 5-2 vote, with Mosley and Smith voting “no”