Asheville City Council - August 25, 2026

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Formal Meeting - Tuesday, August 25, 2026 - 5:00 p.m.

Location

Council Chamber - City Hall - 70 Court Plaza

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § 143-318.10 this will be an in-person meeting which the public can access by any of the following means found at https://publicinput.com/g1267

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Proclamations

- September, 2026, as “Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month”

II. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the special meetings held on July 20, 2026, July 23, 2026; and combined minutes of the agenda briefing worksession held on July 23, 2026, and the formal meeting held on July 28, 2026.

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

C. 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.

D. 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.

E. 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.

F. 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.

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

H. 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.

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

J. 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.

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

L. Resolution adopting the Buncombe-Madison Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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

N. 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.

O. 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.

P. 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.

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

R. 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.

S. 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.

T. 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.

U. 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.

V. Monthly municipal property tax refunds or releases per North Carolina General Statute section 105-38.

III. Presentations and Reports

A. Manager's Report
- Introduction of Alana York as a Lead for North Carolina Fellow through the UNC School of Government
- Azalea Parks & Infrastructure Project

IV. Public Hearings

City Council has established the following time limits for public hearings:
- **Applicants have up to ten minutes to complete a presentation.**
- **Individuals have up to three minutes to speak to city council.**
- **A person representing a group (speaker plus three others - total of four) present in the council chamber has up to 10 minutes to address city council.**
- **Public comment period for any item may not exceed one hour.**

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

B. 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; increase the maximum allowed size of accessory dwelling units; and eliminate off-street parking requirements.

V. Unfinished Business

VI. New Business

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

VII. Informal Discussion and Public Comment

VIII. Adjournment