Asheville City Council - October 27, 2026

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Formal Meeting - Tuesday, October 27, 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

- October, 2026 as “Asheville Sister Cities Month”
- October 28, 2026 as “National First Responders Day”

II. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the combined minutes of the agenda briefing worksession held on October 8, 2026, and the formal meeting held on October 13, 2026.

B.1. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute funding agreements with Homeward Bound of Western North Carolina, Operation Gateway, and Pisgah Legal Services as approved by the

Asheville-Buncombe Continuum of Care to implement the Right at Home homelessness prevention initiative.

B.2. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a funding agreement with Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry as approved by the Asheville-Buncombe Continuum of Care to implement the Right at Home homelessness prevention initiative.

C. Resolution ratifying submission of renewal Planning and Homeless Management Information System grants through the Fiscal Year 2026 Continuum of Care Program as approved by the Asheville-Buncombe Continuum of Care and authorizing the City Manager to accept any funds awarded.

D. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an interlocal agreement with Buncombe County to accept and administer their matching funding for Code Purple emergency shelter in the amount of $100,000 for the Fiscal Year 2026-27 season.

E. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to renew an agreement with the Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project for the production of the Asheville City Market in calendar years 2027, 2028 and 2029.

F. Budget amendment, in the amount of $359,822, to recognize revenue received from the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation for the Local Law Enforcement Bonus Program and budget the associated expense in the Police Department budget.

G. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for and to accept grant funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program and adoption of a budget amendment, in the amount of $74,683.10, to purchase wildland personal protective equipment using the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant.

H. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a construction contract amendment to the contract with Harper General Contractors, Inc.for the Malvern Hills Park Project; and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any change orders that may arise up to the contingency amount.

I. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to convey City property located near Hominy Creek and Shelburne Roads to the N.C. Dept. of Transportation, which property is needed for the construction of the I-26 Connector Project, Section I-2513AC.

J. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for the 2027 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Grant funds from the Executive Office of the President, Office of National Drug Control Policy, on behalf of the Asheville HIDTA branch.

K. Resolution authorizing the City Manager for the City of Asheville to become an official Emergency Watershed Protection sponsor to assess damage, stabilize streambanks, remove debris, and protect homes and infrastructure from future flooding at approved sites and enter into any agreement documents necessary for such acceptance; and approval of an associated budget amendment in the amount of $20,773 for streambank stabilization, to be reimbursed by Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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

III. Presentations and Reports

A. BearWise Update

B. Manager's Report - Quarter 1 Financial Update

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 consider amending the conditional zoning at 21 London Road.

V. Unfinished Business

VI. New Business

A. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute an agreement with the N.C. Dept of Transportation (NCDOT) in which the City agrees to reimburse the NCDOT, in an amount not to exceed $664,304, for bicycle, pedestrian, and aesthetic betterments made on behalf of the City of Asheville as part of the I-26 Connector project Section I-2513AC.

VII. Informal Discussion and Public Comment

VIII. Adjournment