City Council Action Agenda - October 27, 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 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.

- Adopted Unanimously

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.

- Adopted Unanimously

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.

- Adopted 6-0 (Hess recused)

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.

- Adopted Unanimously

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.

- Adopted Unanimously

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.

- Adopted Unanimously

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.

- Adopted Unanimously

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.

- Adopted Unanimously

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.

- Adopted Unanimously

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.

- Adopted on 6-1 vote, with Roney voting “no”

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.

- Adopted Unanimously

Asheville Sister Cities Annual Report

- Heard Annual Report from Asheville Sister Cities

BearWise Update

- Heard Update on BearWise

Manager's Report - Quarter 1 Financial Update

- Heard Report Quarter 1 Financial update

Public hearing to consider amending the conditional zoning at 21 London Road.

- Adopted on a 4-3 vote, with Roney, Turner and Ullman voting "no"

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.

- Adopted Unanimously