THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

**STAFF REPORT**

**Council Meeting Date:** February 24, 2026

**Subject:** Public Comment on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Annual Operating Budget

**Staff Resource:** Tony McDowell, CFO, Finance and Management Services Director
Lindsay Spangler, Budget & Performance Manager

**Action Requested:** Conduct a public comment session prior to development of the City of Asheville's Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Proposed Annual Budget.

**Background:**

- City Council will be holding budget worksessions during the winter and spring months in the lead up to the planned presentation of the City Manager's Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Proposed Annual Budget on May 12, 2026.
- Having a public comment is an opportunity for City Council and staff to receive input from the community as they develop the budget for the upcoming year.

**Council Goal(s):**

- A Financially Resilient City

**Pro(s):**

- Provides the opportunity for the public to comment on their priorities for the upcoming FY 2026-27 budget cycle.

**Con(s)**

- None

**Fiscal Impact:**

- No impact to conducting the public comment.

**Suggested Motion:**

- Conduct the public comment session on the upcoming FY 2026-27 budget and include public input in City Council's consideration of the budget.