THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE
NORTH CAROLINA

PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ACTION MINUTES

March 17, 2026

These action minutes are intended to provide the reader with an overview of the Council Committee meeting and actions made during the meeting. For detailed information on this meeting, please refer to the meeting recording located here and on the committee webpage, or contact Stephanie Gilliam sgiliam@ashevillenc.gov with questions.

Present: Councilwoman Kim Roney, Councilwoman Sage Turner, Ben Woody, Stephanie Gilliam, Carly Gillingham, Jannice Ashley, Mark Matheny, Ashley Haire, Jessica Morriss, Chris Whitlock, Nikki Reid, Elma King, and James Shelton.

Absent: Councilwoman Maggie Ullman

Meeting start: 1:01 p.m.
Meeting end: 2:13 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
Approval of Minutes (February 17, 2026) (1:03 p.m)	Kim Roney moved to approve the February 17, 2026, minutes. The motion was seconded by Sage Turner and passed unanimously (2-0).
CDBG-DR Small Business Support Program Update (1:03 p.m)	Heard Presentation
Asheville Rides Transit Comprehensive Operations Analysis Update (1:14 p.m)	Heard Presentation
Asheville Rides Transit Contract for Operations and Maintenance Update (1:32 p.m)	Kim Roney moved to recommend approving staff's request to recommend the item move forward to City Council to authorize the City Manager to execute a three-year contract with RATP Dev in the amount of $54,899,943 for the Operations and Maintenance of the Asheville Rides Transit

fixed-route transit system. Motion failed due to lack of a second.