Asheville City Council - May 12, 2026

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Formal Meeting - Tuesday, May 12, 2026 - 5:00 p.m.

Location

Council Chamber - City Hall - 70 Court Plaza

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute Section 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

GIVEN THE VOLUME OF MATERIAL ON THIS AGENDA, CITY COUNCIL MAY REDUCE PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM TO 2 MINUTES PER SPEAKER. PLEASE PREPARE YOUR COMMENTS ACCORDINGLY

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Proclamations:

- May 13, 2026, as “World Facility Management Day”
- May 17-23, 2026 as “ National Public Works Week”
- May 15-22, 2026, as “Strive Not to Drive Week”
- May 11-17, 2026, as “National Salvation Army Week”
- May, 2026 as “National Tennis Month”

II. Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of the combined minutes of the agenda briefing worksession held on April 23, 2026, and the formal meeting held on April 28, 2026.

B. Resolution to amend a contract with Diakin Applied Americas Inc. for building automation at Harrah's Cherokee Center - Asheville.

C. Budget amendment, in the amount of $1,400,000, to the Harrah's Cherokee Center - Asheville operating fund to reflect updated Fiscal Year 2025-26 revenue and expenditure projections.

D. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend a contract with Creditron for a maintenance agreement for a mail scanner for the Water Resources Department.

E. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a multi-year Agreement with the Mills River Partnership, Inc., for the Mills River Watershed Best Management Practices project over three fiscal years contingent upon funding each year.

F. 2026 Water System Revenue Bonds

- Resolution adopting Bond Order authorizing the issuance of Water System Revenue Bonds of the City of Asheville, North Carolina, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed $51,000,000.

- Resolution of the City of Asheville, North Carolina, authorizing the approval, execution and delivery of various documents in connection with the issuance of City of Asheville, North Carolina, Water System Revenue Bonds; providing for the sale of the bonds; setting forth the terms and conditions upon which the bonds are to be issued; and providing for certain other matters in connection with the issuance, sale and delivery of the bonds.

G. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract amendment to the Plante Moran internal audit services contract; and granting authority to execute subsequent amendments up to a maximum not-to-exceed amount for supplementary internal audit program services.

H. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Utility Relocation Agreement with Duke Energy for utility relocations for the Johnston Boulevard Sidewalk Utility Relocations Project; and to execute any change orders that may arise during the project up to the contingency amount.

I. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with VHB Engineering NC PC for design and engineering services for Helene Recovery Project - Citywide Road Structures Repairs and Replacements to repair and replace damaged bridges and large culverts; and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any change orders that may arise during the project; and approval of a budget amendment of $7,183,008 to add federal and state funds to the General Capital Projects Fund.

J. Monthly municipal property tax refunds or releases per N.C. Gen. Stat. sec. 105-38.

III. Presentations And Reports:

A. Manager's Report - Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Manager's Proposed Budget Presentation

IV. Public Hearings:

City Council has established the following time limits for public hearings:

- **Applicants have up to ten minutes to complete a presentation.**
- **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 each item may not exceed one hour.**

A. Public hearing on Issuance of 2026 Interim Limited Obligation bonds

- Resolution authorizing the negotiation of an Installment Financing Contract and providing for certain other related matters thereto
- Resolution requesting the release of property from a Deed of Trust related to Limited Obligation Bonds

B. Public hearing to permanently close a portion of unopened right-of-way on the western edge of Saint Dunstan's Road between 159 Saint Dunstan's Road and 183 Saint Dunstan's Road.

C. Public hearing to consider a conditional zoning request for 99999 Caribou Road from RS-4 Residential Single-Family Medium Density to Residential Expansion - Conditional Zone for the purposes of constructing a 100-unit multi-family development.

D. Public hearing to consider a conditional zoning request for 1116 Sweeten Creek Road from RM-16 Residential Multi-Family High Density and CI Commercial Industrial District to Residential Expansion - Conditional Zone for the purposes of constructing a 126-unit multi-family development.

V. Unfinished Business:

VI. New Business:

A. Resolution authorizing the award of Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery multi-family housing funds to Mountain Housing Opportunities/South Creek Development (Terrace at River Hills), Commonwealth Development Corporation (District East Commons), and Laurel Street (319B Biltmore).

B. Declaration of Policy for Public Safety Tools, Asheville Police Department Grant Award, Budget Amendment, and Axon Contract - <u>ITEM B AND ITS SUBPARTS WILL HAVE ONE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.</u>

B.1 (i) Resolution of the Asheville City Council to declare and reaffirm the protection of civil liberties of all residents and visitors in the collection and use of data obtained through the utilization of public facing cameras, license plate readers, and the operation of a real-time intelligence center.

B.1 (ii). Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for, accept, and sign all of the appropriate application and acceptance documents for the Community Project Funding Award allocated to the City of Asheville as secured through Congressman Chuck Edward's Office and managed through the Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Justice Grants.

B.1 (iii) Budget amendment in the City's Special Revenue Fund in the amount of $1,141,255.56.

B.2 Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute on behalf of the City of Asheville a contract with Axon Enterprises, Inc to bundle all existing agreements for Asheville Police Department's current inventory of Body-Worn Cameras, Tasers, Drones, Lightpost and Interview Room equipment, warranties, licensing, and cloud storage for all, and add FUSUS software, utilizing the pricing offered through Sourcewell cooperative contract.

VII. Informal Discussion And Public Comment:

VIII. Adjournment.