City Council Action Agenda - June 9, 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:

Budget amendment transferring $1,464,337 in previously received Mellon Foundation funds from the City's Grant Fund to the Capital Fund for the Eagle and Market Street Enhancements Project.

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the UNC School of Government to participate in the North Carolina Benchmarking Project for Fiscal Years 2026 through 2028

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company for Employee Health Insurance.

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company for Stop Loss Insurance.

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Delta Dental NC for Employee Dental Insurance.

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Marathon Health for Health Services Clinic and Wellness Program Management.

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada for Employee Insurance and Leave Management Administration.

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to renew the automatic aid agreement between the City of Asheville and Reems Creek Fire Department.

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Colliers Engineering & Design, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, CT, P.C., for easement acquisition services on the Coxe Avenue streetscape project.

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Johnson Controls Building Solutions for the Public Works Air Handler Unit Replacement Project.

- Adopted Unanimously

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

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution authorizing the execution of an improvement agreement that will allow a private developer to improve unopened portions of public right-of-way on Pine Lane and accept those areas for City maintenance

- Adopted Unanimously

Manager's Report - Quarterly Helene Recovery Update

- Heard Report on Quarterly Helene Recovery Update

Public hearing to consider a substantial amendment to the Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery Action Plan to reallocate $19.2 million to the Single-Family Home Repair Program for a $22.2 million program total, reducing the Multi-Family New Construction Program total to $18.8 million and the Infrastructure Program total to $115 million.

- Hearing only - Adoption of Resolution on 6-23-26

Ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Fees and Charges Manual to incorporate changes to Parking Fund fees.

- Adopted on a 5-2 vote, with Hess and Mosley voting “no”

Ordinance adopting the 2026-2027 Annual Operating Budget, with the following adjustments to the form presented by the City Manager: (1) Reinstatement of the additional 1% 401K employer contribution; and (2) An adjustment of the Fiscal Year 2026-27 General Fund tax rate to $0.3769 per $100 of assessed valuation.

- Adopted on a 4-3 vote, with Mosley, Roney and Turner voting “no”

Fiscal Year 2026-27 budget amendment in the amount of $100,000 in the General Fund to allocate budget from City Manager’s Contingency to fund the City’s annual contribution to the Economic Development Coalition.

- Adopted Unanimously (Manheimer recused)

Fiscal Year 2026-27 budget amendment in the amount of $45,000 in the General Fund to allocate budget from City Manager’s Contingency to fund the City’s annual contribution to the Sports Commission.

- Adopted Unanimously (Turner recused)

Resolution authorizing submission of the 2026-2027 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Program and HOME Investment Partnerships Program to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, with the reduction to the Water Resources Department Project to $403,030; and funding Homeward Bound (Public Services) in the amount of $96,970.

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution amending Resolution Number 26-96 adopted on May 12, 2026, to authorize the additional award of Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) multi-family housing funds to Mountain Housing Opportunities/South Creek Development (Terrace at River Hills).

- Adopted 6-1 with Turner voting “no”