City Council Action Agenda - June 23, 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 enter into a three-year contract with ESRI, Inc. for GIS software, support, and licensing.

- Adopted Unanimously

Budget amendment, in the amount of $7,174, from Buncombe County for annual Historic Resources program funding allocation.

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign an amendment to the Regional Air Quality Program Interlocal Agreement with Buncombe County to amend termination provisions.

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution to permit the possession and consumption of malt beverages and/or unfortified wine at the following events:

- Independence Day Block Party on July 4, 2026
- Boomtown Arts & Heritage FestAVL on September 4-6, 2026
- Blue Ridge Pride Festival on September 26, 2026
- Surreal Sirkus Arts Festival on October 24, 2026
- Asheville Veganfest on October 25, 2026

- Adopted Unanimously

Budget amendment, in the amount of $1,356,000, in the City's Internal Services Funds to allocate insurance recovery revenue received in Fiscal Year 2025-26 to fund health insurance and workers' compensation claims expenses.

- Adopted Unanimously

Budget Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Water Resources Fund budget, in the amount of $16 Million, to account for the refunding of debt.

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract amendment with Carolina 1926 LLC d/b/a Carolina Cat for rental equipment utilized by various departments.

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract amendment with Herc Rentals Inc. for rental equipment utilized by various departments.

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with B. Allen Construction, Inc. for site work necessary to allow construction of a temporary skating rink; and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any change orders that may arise during the project up to the contingency amount; and adoption of a budget amendment in the amount of $526,569, to transfer Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the CDBG Fund to the General Capital Projects Fund.

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the Construction Manager at Risk contract with Frank L. Blum Construction Company for the Guaranteed Maximum Price for construction of the Municipal Building Capital Repairs and Restoration project.

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract amendment with Terracon Consultants, Inc. for additional professional services on the Municipal Building Capital Repairs & Restoration project.

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a professional services contract with Perkins + Will North Carolina Inc., for the Eagle and South Market Street Enhancement Design Services.

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Batson-Cook Construction and Sizemore Group for the 179 S Charlotte Street Upfit.

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to approve Cooperative Contracts for Axon Fleet purchases for new vehicle upfits, utilizing the pricing offered through the active Charlotte Cooperative Purchasing Alliance OMNIA, or Sourcewell Cooperative.

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a mutual aid agreement for fire protection services with Buncombe County.

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality Blueprint Project for grant funding in the amount of up to $1 million for the Burton Street Neighborhood Stormwater Improvements Project for a Burton Street Neighborhood Stormwater Improvements Project; to accept said grant if awarded, and execute all necessary grant agreements and documents upon award.

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with ECS Southeast LLC for Tropical Storm Helene design and engineering services for one of three City-wide Landslide recovery projects (Project A) for landslides that impacted City infrastructure; and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any change orders that may arise during the project up to the contingency amount; and approval of a budget amendment, in the amount of $404,265, to add federal and state funds to the General Capital Projects Fund. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. for Tropical Storm Helene design and engineering services for one of three City-wide Landslide recovery projects (Project B) for landslides that impacted City infrastructure; and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any change orders that may arise during the project up to the contingency amount; and approval of a budget amendment, in the amount of $4,460,358 , to add federal and state funds to the General Capital Projects Fund.

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Catawba Valley Engineering and Testing, PC for Tropical Storm Helene design and engineering services for one of three City-wide Landslide recovery projects (Project C) for landslides that impacted City infrastructure; and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any change orders that may arise during the project up to the contingency amount; and approval of a budget amendment, in the amount of $6,133,755 , to add federal and state funds to the General Capital Projects Fund.

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP for Tropical Storm Helene design and engineering services for City-wide roadway and sidewalk repairs; and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any change orders that may arise during the project up to the contingency amount; and approval of a budget amendment, in the amount of $3,101,706 , to add federal and state funds to the General Capital Projects Fund.

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with HDR Engineering Inc. of the Carolinas for the Fiscal Year 2026 Design Curb Ramps for Resurfacing Project.

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend a contract with Hagerty Consulting, Inc. for recovery management services from Tropical Storm Helene, and a budget amendment, in the amount of $4,584,593, to fund the contract amendment.

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution in support of the Leonard Antonelli and Jacob Hill Bicycle Safety Zone Act of 2025 (“Lennie’s Law”).

- Adopted Unanimously with the following amendment to the Resolution “Resolution in support of the Leonard Antonelli, Jacob Hill and Alex Rozos Bicycle Safety Zone Act of 2025 (“Lennie’s Law”).

Manager’s Report

- No Manager’s Report

Public hearing to rezone 99999 Deaverview Road from RM-8 Residential Multi-Family Medium Density to RM-16 Residential Multi-Family High Density.

- Adopted Unanimously

Public hearing to rezone 3 S. Tunnel Road from Urban Place to Regional Business.

- Motion to Continue Public Hearing on 3 S. Tunnel Road to July 28, 2026, Adopted Unanimously

Public hearing for moratorium on new data center development.

- Adopted Unanimously

Resolution authorizing a Substantial Amendment to the Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Action Plan to reallocate $19,200,000 in CDBG-DR funding to the CDBG-DR Single-Family Home Repair Program, amending the CDBG-DR Affordable Multi-Family

Housing Construction Program budget to $18,800,000 and the Infrastructure budget to $115,000,000, bringing the Single-Family Home Repair Program's budget total to $22,200,000.

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

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Development and Sales Agreement with 29 Oak Hill LLC for sale city-owned property and the development of 42 affordable townhomes for home ownership at 29 Oak Hill Drive and allocate $1.6 million of 2024 Affordable Housing Bond funds for a construction loan and down payment assistance; and adoption of a budget amendment to transfer $1,600,000 from the General Capital Projects Fund to the Housing Trust Fund.

- Adopted Unanimously

Boards & Commissions

- African American Heritage Commission
    - Appointed Bobby Smith
- Asheville-Buncombe Riverfront Commission
    - Clerk to Readvertise
- Board of Electrical Examiners
    - Clerk to Readvertise
- Buncombe County Tourism Development Authority
    - Reappointed Lucious Wilson
- Design Review Committee
    - Appointed Justin Roberto Thorn
- Greater Asheville Regional Airport Authority
    - Appointed Dr. Shantelle Simpson
- Historic Resources Commission
    - Reappointed Lindsay Humphrey and Appointed Jane Mathews and Richard Mattson
- Neighborhood Advisory Committee
    - Appointment Delayed
- Planning & Zoning Commission
    - Reappointed Jonathan Anzollitto, Jane Bell and Lindsay Broughel