Asheville City Council - June 23, 2026

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City Council Worksession on Policy, Finance & Infrastructure - June 23, 2026 - 3:00 p.m.

Public Comment

Public comment is not accepted at worksessions

Location

Council Chamber - City Hall - 70 Court Plaza

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Formal Meeting - Tuesday, June 23, 2026 - 5:00 p.m.

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Pledge of Allegiance

I. Proclamations:

- July 2026 as “Asheville Parks and Recreation Month”

II. Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of the combined minutes of the agenda briefing worksession held on June 4, 2026, and the formal meeting held on June 9, 2026.

B. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a three-year contract with ESRI, Inc. for GIS software, support, and licensing.

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

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

E. 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

F. 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.

G. 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.

H. 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.

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

J. 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.

K. 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.

L. 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.

M. 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.

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

O. 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.

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

Q. 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.

R. 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.

S. 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.

T. 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.

U. 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.

V. 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.

W. 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.

X. Resolution in support of the Leonard Antonelli and Jacob Hill Bicycle Safety Zone Act of 2025 ("Lennie's Law").

III. Presentations and Reports:

A. Manager's Report

IV. Public Hearings:

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

- **Applicants have up to ten minutes to complete a presentation.**
- **Individuals have up to three minutes to speak to city council.**
- **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 any item may not exceed one hour.**

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

B. Public hearing to rezone 3 S. Tunnel Road from Urban Place to Regional Business. **This public hearing will be continued to July 28. 2026.**

C. Public hearing for moratorium on new data center development.

V. Unfinished Business:

A. 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. **Public hearing was held June 9, 2026. No further public comment will be taken.**

VI. New Business:

A. 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.

B. Boards & Commissions

- African American Heritage Commission
- Asheville-Buncombe Riverfront Commission
- Board of Electrical Examiners
- Buncombe County Tourism Development Authority
- Design Review Committee
- Greater Asheville Regional Airport Authority
- Historic Resources Commission
- Neighborhood Advisory Committee
- Planning & Zoning Commission

VII. Informal Discussion and Public Comment:

VIII. Adjournment.