

Regular Meeting

This formal meeting was conducted by use of simultaneous communication in which the following participated by simultaneous communication: Mayor Esther E. Manheimer, Presiding; Vice-Mayor Sheneika Smith; Councilwoman Sandra Kilgore; Councilwoman S. Antanette Mosley; Councilwoman Kim Roney; Councilwoman Sage Turner; Councilwoman Gwen C. Wisler; City Manager Debra Campbell; City Attorney Brad Branham; and City Clerk Magdalen Burleson

Mayor Manheimer said that the City Council wants the public to still have the opportunity to participate in the decisions of your government. She then explained the 3 options for providing public comment - voicemail; email; and advanced live sign-ins.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Manheimer led City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. PROCLAMATIONS:

II. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 25, 2022**

- B. RESOLUTION NO. 22-22 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ENCORE TECHNOLOGY GROUP OF EASLEY, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO PROVIDE DESIGN AND INSTALLATION SERVICES FOR THE AUDIO VISUAL SYSTEMS FOR THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER**

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Encore Technology Group of Easley, SC in the amount of \$194,420.97 to provide design and installation services for the audio visual systems for the Emergency Operations Center; further authorizing the City Manager to execute any change orders that may arise during the project up to the contingency amount of \$19,443.00 (10%).

Background:

- The Broadway Public Safety Station, currently under construction, includes a new Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
- Requirements for the EOC include an integrated technology system of video displays, speaker systems, microphones, video conferencing equipment and the associated controls to manage the technology.
- A Request for Proposal for system design and installation was issued on November 30, 2021.
- Proposals were due January 5, 2022. Two proposals were received from:
 - Encore Technology Group – Easley, SC
 - Constant Technologies, Inc. – N. Kingstown, RI
- The proposal submitted by Constant Technologies did not include the required documents as specified in the RFP, including the Asheville Business Inclusion Affidavit, and therefore was deemed non-responsive.
- The Scoring Committee reviewed the proposal by Encore and conducted a follow-up interview.

- The Committee included representatives from the IT Department, Asheville Fire Department and Capital Projects.
- The Committee concluded that Encore is qualified and capable of performing the work.
- This work will be coordinated with the overall Broadway Public Safety Station project.
- Contract duration will be 12 months, through the end of building construction.

Vendor Outreach Efforts:

- Staff performed outreach to minority and women owned businesses through solicitation processes which include posting on the State's Interactive Purchasing System and requiring prime contractors to reach out to Minority & Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) service providers for subcontracted services.
- Staff also checked the City of Asheville list of certified MWBE businesses, the NC Historically Underutilized Business database and the NCDOT MWBE database for potential contractors.
- Only one company from an identified disparity group was found in the ten county area and staff directly contacted that company.
- The company did not submit a proposal.
- No MWBE firms submitted bids with this prime contractor and all work will be self performed by the prime contractor.

Council Goal(s):

- A Financially Resilient City

Committee(s):

- None

Pro(s):

- The audio visual systems are necessary and critical to the function of the EOC, as they enable emergency personnel to stay informed, communicate and respond in real time.
- For technology procurements the design and install method is cost effective and efficient.

Con(s):

- None

Fiscal Impact:

- Funding for this contract is already included in the previously approved capital project budget.

Motion:

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- C. RESOLUTION NO. 22-23 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO RENEW AN AGREEMENT WITH AZTECA SYSTEMS LLC FOR ENTERPRISE ASSET MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SOFTWARE LICENSE, MAINTENANCE, AND SUPPORT**

Action Requested: Resolution authorizing the City Manager to renew an agreement with Azteca Systems, LLC for a contract for enterprise asset management system software license, maintenance, and support.

Background:

- Cityworks asset management software provides a platform for Water Resources and Public Works asset management, work orders, and reporting.
- This software is utilized to track the use and costs of assets through preventative maintenance of assets.
- It is used to track the costs of work performed by field personnel and allow for tracking of performance and reaction times in calls coming into customer service.
- It also allows for a paperless workflow within departments and across departments using the system.
- This is an annual software renewal to allow for continued use of Cityworks software.
- It is highly integrated with the City's GIS program and includes all major physical assets maintained by Water Resources and Public Works (water mains, valves, hydrants, streets, fleet vehicles, etc.).
- One component added in 2021, the Citizen Engagement Application Programming Interface (API), allows for integration between Cityworks and the Asheville App.
- This streamlines data entry, public notifications, and automates the creation of work orders and reports.

Vendor Outreach Efforts:

- The City of Asheville conducted a competitive procurement process for an asset management software system for both Public Works and Water in 2016 and 2017.
- There are a limited number of vendors providing enterprise asset management software, and after reviewing all available options, Azteca Cityworks was selected as the best overall value for the City of Asheville.

Council Goal(s):

- A Well-Planned and Livable Community

Committee(s):

- None.

Pro(s):

- More efficient management of Water Resources and Public Works physical assets and infrastructure.
- Automation of work orders and reporting.

Con(s):

- If continued funding for the future is not appropriated, it will have a significant negative impact on the ability of the Water Resources and Public Works departments to proactively manage and maintain critical infrastructure.

Fiscal Impact:

- Funding for the total cost of this renewal, \$72,450, is allocated in the Water Resources and Public Works departmental operating budgets.

Motion:

- Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to renew an agreement with Azteca Systems, LLC for a contract for enterprise asset management system software license, maintenance, and support.

D. RESOLUTION NO. 22-24 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND A CONTRACT WITH RESPONDER SUPPORT SERVICES LLC TO CONTINUE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED TO FIRE AND POLICE EMPLOYEES

Action Requested: Adoption of contract amendment for Responder Support Services, LLC

Background:

- Responder Support Services currently provides embedded behavioral health support to Fire and Police Departments four days per week for each department.
- Embedded behavioral health support provides onsite individual behavioral health services by trained professionals to public safety employees as well as appropriate services following critical incidents.
- The need by Fire and Police for behavioral health support has steadily increased over the past year.
- Increased behavioral health support to Public Safety employees is critical to maintain the health and wellbeing of these employees in order to provide service to the community.
- We are requesting an increase to the current contract by \$120,000 for a total amount of \$296,000 to provide ongoing embedded behavioral health support to Fire and Police Departments 4 days per week for each department.

Vendor Outreach Efforts:

- Current vendor for embedded behavioral health support is Responder Support Services, LLC. This vendor provides specialized support for Fire and Police employees.
- Staff was unable to identify other local vendors that provide dedicated service to Fire and Police Departments.

Council Goal(s):

- A connected and engaged community.

Pro(s):

- Support for public safety employees dealing with trauma on a daily basis
- Known provider who specializes in supporting public safety employees

Con(s):

- No increase in funding results in restricted access to support for public safety employees

Fiscal Impact:

- Additional \$120,000 added to the contract for a total investment of \$296,000 over the three-year contract.
- These funds are available in the health fund and no additional funds are needed.

Motion:

- Motion to approve contract amendment to support ongoing behavioral health support for City of Asheville Fire and Police Departments.

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E. MOTION AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 BUDGET CALENDAR

Action Requested: Motion to adopt updates to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (FY23) Budget Calendar.

Background:

- On December 14, 2021, Council adopted the FY23 Budget Calendar.
- Since that time, the City Council retreat has been scheduled for March 17 and 18, 2022.
- Staff is proposing the following changes to the previously adopted schedule in order to allow for additional time to incorporate Council's input from the retreat prior to presentation of the City Manager's Proposed Budget:
 - Canceling a previously planned Council Budget Work Session on March 8, and scheduling an additional Work Session on April 26.
 - Presenting the City Manager's Proposed Budget to City Council on May 24.
 - Holding a Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget on June 14.
 - Adopting the FY23 budget on June 28.

Council Goal(s):

- A Financially Resilient City
- A Connected and Engaged Community

Committee(s):

- None

Pro(s):

- Provides City Council, staff, and the community with a calendar of upcoming dates related to development of the FY23 budget.
- Meets timing requirements under the NC Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act for presentation of the proposed budget and adoption of the annual budget.

Con(s):

- None.

Fiscal Impact:

- None.

Motion:

- Motion to adopt the FY23 Budget Calendar.

F. RESOLUTION NO. 22-25 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND THE CONTRACT WITH MAIL MANAGEMENT SERVICES LLC TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT FOR POSTAGE AND MAIL SERVICES

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend the contract with Mail Management Services, LLC for postage and mail services.

Background:

- The City provides municipal services to more than 60,000 accounts, which primarily encompasses the following: water meters, business licenses, permits and general correspondence to residents and visitors.
- The customer base is divided into multiple billing cycles and by general correspondence each month.
- The City and Mail Management Services, LLC have been under contract since 2017 for postage and mail services.
- Mail Management Services, LLC was selected through a Request for Proposals in 2017.
- In the 2017-18 adopted budget, a total of \$317,000 was appropriated across department accounts to provide city-wide postage and mail services.
- At that time the allocation for Water Resources was \$225,000.

- The initial contract term was for one-year with the option upon approval by the City for up to four one-year renewals.
- The contract contains a fixed cost for Mail Management Services, LLC. There is also a variable USPS postage cost.
- At the time of the initial contract, the USPS postage cost per piece was \$0.41.
- The current USPS fee is \$0.58.
- In an effort to ensure that funds will be available for total services in Fiscal Year 2022, additional funds are requested for this contract in the amount of \$50,000.

Vendor Outreach Efforts:

- No additional outreach was conducted as this is an amendment for a current contract.

Council Goal(s):

- Connected and Engaged Community
- Well planned and livable community

Committee(s):

- None

Pro(s):

- Allows performance of mandatory activity (mail services) necessary for the operation of municipal services including billing.
- Facilitates key communication mechanism (written correspondence) to and from citizens, businesses, visitors and stakeholders.
- Provides long-term cost containment while maintaining verifiable high level of service delivery.

Con(s):

- None

Fiscal Impact:

- \$50,000, to be funded through the existing Water Resources Fund budget.

Motion:

- Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend the contract between the city of Asheville and Mail Management Services, LLC by increasing the contract total by \$50,000 not to exceed \$367,000.

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G. RESOLUTION NO. 22-26 - RESOLUTION CELEBRATING FEBRUARY 2022 AS BLACK LEGACY MONTH

Vice-Mayor Smith read the resolution celebrating February 2022 as Black Legacy Month. February 2022 is to be celebrated as Black Legacy Month, a time to celebrate the rich and diverse cultures of Black and African American people, to raise awareness about our shared history, to recognize the truth must come before reconciliation, and to acknowledge the important contributions that Black and African American people have made to our community and our nation.

Jonathan Wainscott hoped that during Black Legacy Month the City will recognize the lives of several other prominent African American Ashevilleans.

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Mayor Manheimer said that members of Council have been previously furnished with a copy of the resolutions on the Consent Agenda and they would not be read.

Councilwoman Mosley moved for the adoption of the Consent Agenda. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Turner and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

III. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS:

A. MANAGER'S REPORT

Neighborhood Grants Program

Community & Public Engagement Director Dawa Hitch noted the key takeaways from this presentation (1) first round of neighborhood matching grants have been awarded; (2) opportunity to strengthen relationships; and (3) outcome of the City's Reimagining Public Safety engagement. She said that City Council approved \$200,000 to launch the program in the 2021-22 budget; round 1 application period was October 1-31; and outreach through neighborhood networks and mass media. She said the Neighborhood Matching Grants Program is (1) grant program to support neighborhood-based organizations fund improvements projects; (2) opportunity for a dollar-for-dollar matching grant up to \$5,000; (3) designed to cultivate a spirit of community and strengthen connections with City government; and (4) Development of program linked to input received through Reimagining Public Safety and Budget Engagement where neighborhood investment was identified as an opportunity to improve safety and overall quality of life. Program requirements include (1) Must be a neighborhood-based organization (Neighborhood Associations, Homeowners Associations, Neighborhood Coalition and/or Resident Organization in a Tax Credit funded Community); (2) Must represent a specific geographic location within Asheville city limits; and (3) Applicants must complete or be in the process of completing a Neighborhood Registration Form. Round 1 award examples include Community Garden improvements; Programming in Community gardens; Tree plantings/preservation; Walking path improvements; Neighborhood signs; Beautification projects; Asset Mapping; and Community Room improvements. Round 1 awards went to Albemarle Park-Manor Grounds Association; Altamont Resident Association; Burton Street Community Association; Enka Hills Property Owners Association; Grace Neighborhood; Grove Park Sunset Mountain Neighborhood Association; Haw Creek Community Association; Kenilworth Forest Residents Association; Kenilworth Lake Association; Lakeview Park Homeowners Association; Norwood Park Neighborhood Association; Oakley Neighborhood Association; Park Avenue Property Owners Association; Shiloh Community Association; and West End/Clingman Avenue Neighborhood Association. The outcomes are (1) neighbors came together to self-determine projects; (2) new associations registered with the City and/or updated contact information; and (3) strengthen City/Neighborhood connections through individual meetings. Next steps are (1) staff will continue to offer technical support through project completion; (2) staff will learn from program participants and adapt as needed to improve accessibility and inclusiveness; and (3) next application will launch in Spring 2022.

Point in Time Count

Homeless Services System Performance Lead Emily Ball said the key takeaways from this presentation include (1) Point-in-Time count provides an annual snapshot of homelessness in our community; (2) count was conducted January 25 with strong community participation; and (3) data collection and analysis is underway; preliminary results anticipated in March. Some Point-in-Time background is (1) Annual count of people who are literally homeless (by the federal definition) on a single night - Literal homelessness includes emergency shelters, transitional housing, and places not meant for human habitation (unsheltered); (2) HUD requirement for each

Continuum of Care to conduct the count during the last 10 days in January; (3) Results reported to HUD and used to inform federal understanding of homelessness and federal resources available locally to respond to homelessness; (4) Process (a) Survey form implemented across homeless services on a single night; (b) Data collected via paper survey forms administered by staff and volunteers at agencies and on the streets; and (c) Data also collected via HMIS for participating agencies; (5) Information collected - Demographics, household characteristics (e.g. Veteran status, domestic violence involvement), disabilities, and homeless history; (6) Benefits (a) Only community-wide comprehensive dataset on homelessness (currently); and (b) Conducted annually so provides picture over time of trends and changes in the population (e.g. increase in Veterans or chronic subpopulations); and (7) Limitations (a) Does not show inflow or outflow over time, or how many people experience homelessness over the course of a year; and (b) Participation is voluntary, and survey teams may miss some people who are unsheltered. In 2018, the sheltered and unsheltered total was 554; in 2019, the total was 580; in 2020, the total was 547; and in 2021, the total was 527.

She said the 2022 Point-in-Time count (1) was conducted evening of January 25, 2022 (moved from traditional Wednesday count to Tuesday to include Haywood Street's activities); (2) 48 volunteers on 16 teams - Primarily homeless services staff; and 7 City staff; and (3) Results will include data from: (a) Shelters: Rescue Mission, Salvation Army, Helpmate, Trinity Place, Haywood Street Respite, Ramada, Code Purple sites; (b) Transitional Housing: ABCCM, Eliada, Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry; and (c) Unsheltered: AHOPE, Haywood Street, school liaisons, APD, street count teams. Additional unsheltered survey questions included: (1) When you last had housing, was it in Asheville? - If not, where was it? (WNC, NC, Other State); (2) How long have you been in Asheville?; (3) What brought you to Asheville?; (4) Have you had a COVID-19 vaccination?; and (5) What is the main reason you aren't staying at a shelter right now? The timeline will be in (1) February (a) Collect survey forms and data from agencies that don't participate in HMIS; (b) Enter all data into HMIS; and (c) Deduplicate, correct errors; (2) March - Preliminary results available; and (3) April - Likely due date for federal submission.

Ms. Ball responded to Councilwoman Mosley regarding the people staying at the Ramada Inn being included in the count.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. PUBLIC HEARING RELATIVE TO AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE TO UPDATE OPEN SPACE REQUIREMENTS AND RELATED AMENDMENTS

This item has been removed from the agenda for consideration.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. ORDINANCE NO. 4929 - FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE GRANTING A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH BLUE RIDGE RICKSHAW TO OPERATE A PEDAL BICYCLE TAXI SERVICE WITHIN THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Assistant Director of Transportation Jessica Morriss said that this is the first reading of an ordinance granting a franchise agreement to Blue Ridge Rickshaw to operate a pedal bicycle taxi service within the City of Asheville.

Background:

- Blue Ridge Rickshaw is requesting to operate a pedal bicycle taxi service within the City of Asheville.
- The service area includes the Central Business District, South Slope area, Hillcrest community, Lee Walker Heights community, WECAN community, Erskine-Walton community, Livingston Heights community, Kenilworth Forest community, River Arts District, Historic Montford District, Five Points community, Albemarle Park community, West Asheville, West Asheville Estates community, Falconhurst community, Burton Street community, Malvern Hills, and Biltmore Village.
- The pedal bicycle taxi service is classified as a slow moving vehicle operation and as a result, it could have a minor impact on vehicular traffic flow.
- The pedal bicycle taxi service is prohibited from operating on public streets where the posted speed limit is greater than thirty-five (35) miles per hour.
- The hours of operation would be seven days per week between the hours of 7:00 am until 3:00 am.
- The pedal bicycle taxi service may use up to a total of five vehicles; however, only one vehicle will be used initially.
- The business owner understands and acknowledges that third-party advertising is not allowed on the outside of the vehicles.
- Franchise agreements require two readings at City Council meetings with the first one scheduled for February 8, 2022 and the second one scheduled for February 22, 2022.

Council Goal(s):

- Transportation and Accessibility

Committee(s):

- Multi-Modal Transportation Commission - January 26, 2022 - Approved unanimously with a change in the speed limit requirement.
- Public Safety Committee - January 25, 2022 - Approved unanimously

Pro(s):

- Supports diversified job growth and business development.
- Provides an alternative mode of transportation.
- Enhances the visitor experience to Asheville.

Con(s):

- Could impact vehicular traffic flow.

Fiscal Impact:

- Franchise agreement fees are \$365 per year

Ms. Morriss said that (1) The pedal bicycle taxi service is classified as a slow moving vehicle operation which could have a minor impact on vehicular traffic and traffic flow; (2) Franchise agreement process is used to set the parameters; (3) Reviewed and approved by the Asheville Police Department; (4) Reviewed and approved by the Multi-Modal Transportation Commission; (5) Reviewed and approved by the Public Safety Committee; (6) Request is to operate a pedal bicycle taxi service within the City of Asheville; (7) Commercial service areas include Central Business District, South Slope, Biltmore Village, and River Arts District; (8) Residential service areas include the Burton Street, Hillcrest, Lee Walker Heights, Erskine-Walton, Livingston Heights communities, etc. (complete listing is included in the franchise agreement); and (9) The service will operate seven days per week between 7:00 am until 3:00 am. She then showed a picture of the rickshaw. She noted that (1) the rickshaw is prohibited from operating on public streets where the speed limit is greater than 35 miles per hour; (2) third-party advertising on the outside of the vehicle is not allowed; (3) initially, there will be one

vehicle and one operator; (4) the franchise agreement is structured to allow growth; and (5) the service will provide point to point transportation and various tours.

Councilwoman Roney thanked the Multimodal Transportation Commission for their recommendation to change the speed limit requirement. She understands people may have some trepidation around a business profiting off the use of our public right-of-way when we have lacking infrastructure needs for the people who live and work here. However, she will support this because it's an opportunity for us to move the people who live and work here as well as our visitors without the use of fossil fuels or vehicular traffic.

In response to Councilwoman Wisler, City Attorney Branham said that these type vehicles are not regulated by any specific commission or set of ordinances either locally or at the state level. That is one of the reasons we are suggesting a franchise agreement to place some parameters around this.

In response to Councilwoman Kilgore, Mr. Jordan Hrivnak, owner of Blue Ridge Rickshaw, said that he will start with one vehicle and one operator, but would eventually like to expand to no more than five. He did not want to crowd the streets with these rickshaws.

Mayor Manheimer said that we have had a lot of complaints about the pub-cycle and we only have one. She was concerned that this kind of activity will primarily be used by tourists and won't serve the broader community with transportation needs. We hear people say they don't go downtown because it is so crowded. She was not sure this is the direction we want to go in. Again, she didn't think this would benefit the community in the way we would be hoping for at this point.

In response to Vice-Mayor Smith, Ms. Morriss said that she believed the franchise agreement would be reviewed each year at a staff level; however, staff would be happy to bring it back to Council for review each year if they wish. Vice-Mayor Smith thought that the annual review by City Council would be good in order to see if they need to address any issues and concerns.

Mayor Manheimer also noted that we can terminate this franchise agreement with 30 days notice without cause. One of the issues is, once someone gets something established, it's their livelihood.

Mr. Hrivnak said that Asheville relies heavily on tourism and felt that his being a part of the community might help. He feels this is more of an aid to transportation and he is not trying to clog up the streets. He felt this is a novelty thing and fits well into the Asheville atmosphere. He wants to provide for the local community and would even like to hand out free coupons for locals to have a free ride.

Mayor Manheimer said that one individual signed up in advance for public comment on this item, but did not join the meeting.

Mayor Manheimer said that members of Council have been previously furnished with a copy of the ordinance and it would not be read.

Councilwoman Roney moved to approve an ordinance granting a franchise agreement to Blue Ridge Rickshaw to operate a pedal bicycle taxi service within the City of Asheville. This motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Smith and carried on a 4-3 vote, with Mayor Manheimer, Councilwoman Mosley and Councilwoman Turner voting "no."

Mayor Manheimer noted again that since this is a franchise agreement, a second reading will be required, which will occur on February 22, 2022.

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B. BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Regarding the African American Heritage Commission, the following individuals applied for the vacancy: Dewayne McAfee, Valeria Watson and Ashley Wilberding. It was the consensus of City Council to readvertise for the seat since no City residents applied.

Regarding the Board of Electrical Examiners, the following individual applied for the vacancy: Jonathan Dale Knox. Because this is a seat specifically for an electrical contractor, it was the consensus of City Council to readvertise for the seat.

Regarding the Historic Resources Commission, since no applications were received, it was the consensus of City Council to re-advertise for the vacancy.

Regarding the Reparations Commission, the following individuals applied for the impact focus areas: Marla West, Dr. Dwight Mullen, Joyce Harrison, Amy Meier, Tiffany DeBellott, Shantelle Simpson, Karen Teel, Dwayne Richardson, Raynetta Waters, Jackie Latek, Jessica Benoit, CiCi Weston, Leronica Casey, Kelsey Simmons, Dr. Tamarie Macon, Dewana Little, Osondu McPeters and Dee Williams. It was the consensus of City Council to arrange interviews for all 18 applicants.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-27 - RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Vice-Mayor Smith, Chair of the Boards & Commissions Committee, said that this is the consideration of appointing members to the Human Relations Commission.

Chris Winebrenner has resigned, thus leaving an unexpired term until June 1, 2022. In addition, Marilyn Raynor has also resigned, thus leaving an additional unexpired term until June 1, 2023.

The following individuals applied for the vacancy: Amanda Benson-Bremseth, Michael Brown, Edie Welchert and Ashley Wilberding.

The Boards & Commissions Committee recommended appointing Amanda Benson-Bremseth and Michael Brown..

Vice-Mayor Smith moved to (1) appoint Amanda Benson-Bremseth as a member of the Human Relations Commission, to serve the unexpired term of Mr. Winebrenner until June 1, 2022, and then a full two-year term, term to expire June 1, 2024, or until Amanda Benson-Bremseth's successor has been appointed; and (2) appoint Michael Brown as a member of the Human Relations Commission, to serve the unexpired term of Ms. Raynor, term to expire June 1, 2023, or until Michael Brown's successor has been appointed. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mosley and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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RESOLUTION NO. 22-28 - RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Vice-Mayor Smith, Chair of the Boards & Commissions Committee, said that this is the consideration of appointing a member to the Multimodal Transportation Commission.

Karla Furnari resigned as a member of the Multimodal Transportation Commission, thus leaving an unexpired term until July 1, 2022.

The following individual applied for the vacancy: Leanna Joyner.

The staff liaison and Multimodal Transportation Commission Chair recommended, and the Boards & Commissions Commission concurred, that Leanna Joyner be appointed to the Greenway seat and current transit member, Bill Loftis, be moved to the Transit seat.

Vice-Mayor Smith moved to appoint (1) Leanna Joyner as a member of the Multimodal Transportation Commission (greenway representative) replacing Bill Loftis as the greenway representative, term to expire July 1, 2022, and then a full three-year term, term to expire July 1, 2025, or until Leanna Joyner's successor has been appointed; and (2) Bill Loftis as a member of the Multimodal Transportation Commission (transit representative) to serve the unexpired term of Karla Furnari, term to expire July 1, 2022, and then a full three-year term, term to expire July 1, 2025, or until Bill Loftis' successor has been appointed. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Roney and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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RESOLUTION NO. 22-29 - RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Vice-Mayor Smith, Chair of the Boards & Commissions Committee, said that this is the consideration of appointing a member to the Neighborhood Advisory Committee.

Anna Sexton resigned as a member of the Neighborhood Advisory Committee, thus leaving an unexpired term until July 1, 2022.

The following individuals applied for the vacancy: Tracy Fagan Brown, S. Elizabeth Likis-Werle and Lucious Wilson.

The Boards & Commissions Committee recommended appointing Lucious Wilson.

Vice-Mayor Smith moved to appoint Lucious Wilson as a member of the Neighborhood Advisory Committee, to serve the unexpired term of Anna Sexton until July 1, 2022, and then a full three-year term, term to expire July 1, 2025, or until Lucious Wilson's successor has been appointed. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Roney and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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VII. INFORMAL DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC COMMENT:

From advanced live call-ins, five individuals spoke to Council, including, but not limited to the following comments: need to sign a light on the opaque City Council Check-In process; integrity of City Council; opposition to Merrimon Avenue being decreased from 4 lanes; and support for Patrick Conant's Open Meetings Policy for improving the public meeting process.

Mayor Manheimer announced that City Council will resume back to in-person meetings at their next formal meeting on February 22. The meeting will be in Harrah's Cherokee Center - Asheville, at 87 Haywood Street. Persons wishing to speak live at the meeting will be required to attend in person and must sign-up at the door. To accommodate those who do not yet feel secure attending in person, or those whose are precluded from attending because of schedules or other personal factors, City Council will continue to accept remote comments via email or voicemail so long as they are received by 9:00 a.m. on the day of the formal meeting, and the meeting will be streamed on the City's YouTube Channel which can be accessed through the YouTube icon on the front page of the City's website. As always, the public can communicate with the Council by emailing them directly at any time.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Manheimer adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR