

Tuesday – May 15, 2018- 5:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Present: Mayor Esther E. Manheimer, Presiding; Vice-Mayor Gwen C. Wisler; Councilman Brian D. Haynes; Councilman Vijay Kapoor; Councilwoman Sheneika Smith; Councilman W. Keith Young; Interim City Manager Cathy Ball; City Attorney Robin T. Currin; and City Clerk Magdalen Burleson

Absent: Councilwoman Julie V. Mayfield

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Manheimer led City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. PROCLAMATIONS:

A. PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING MAY 21-27, 2018, AS “NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK”

Vice-Mayor Wisler read the proclamation proclaiming May 21-27, 2018, as "National Public Works Week " in the City of Asheville. She presented the proclamation to Public Works Director Greg Shuler, who then introduced Jamoan Martin and Kyle Reynolds from Sanitation; Colton Fisher and Brian Hanrahan from Streets; and Jonathon Ballard and Assan Salley from Stormwater.

B. PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING MAY, 2018, AS “BUILDING SAFETY MONTH”

Councilman Young read the proclamation proclaiming May, 2018, as "Building Safety Month " in the City of Asheville. He presented the proclamation to Director of Development Services Ben Woody, who briefed City Council on some activities taking place during the month.

C. PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING MAY, 2018, AS “TICK-BORNE DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH”

Councilman Kapoor read the proclamation proclaiming May, 2018, as "Tick-Borne Disease Awareness Month" in the City of Asheville. He presented the proclamation to Ms. Jane Dooley and Mr. Rick Cormier, who briefed City Council on some activities taking place during the month and donated some information on tick-borne diseases to the City.

D. PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING JUNE 1, 2018, AS “NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY”

Mayor Manheimer read the proclamation proclaiming June 1, 2018, as "National Gun Violence Awareness Day" in the City of Asheville. She presented the proclamation to Ms. Aryelle Jacobsen, and others, who briefed City Council on some activities taking place.

E. INTRODUCTION

Interim City Manager Cathy Ball introduced Mr. Sean Smoot with 21st Century Policing LLC, who has been hired to look at the Johnnie Rush incident that occurred on August 25, 2017, through the investigation.

Mr. Smoot said that his team has undergone a start of their assessment of the Police Department's policies and procedures. They will be meeting with Police personnel during their review and look forward to reporting their results to Council near the end of July.

II. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON APRIL 24, 2018**

- B. RESOLUTION NO. 18-94 - RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE OF UP TO \$12,500,000 MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REVENUE BONDS TO PROVIDE FINANCING FOR LEDGEWOOD VILLAGE APARTMENTS TO SATISFY SECTION 147(f) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE**

Summary: The consideration of a resolution approving the issuance of bonds by the Housing Authority of the City of Asheville for Ledgewood Village.

Ledgewood-Asheville Limited Partnership (the "Borrower") has requested that the Asheville Housing Authority issue up to \$12,500,000 in multifamily housing revenue bonds for the acquisition and renovation of Ledgewood Village, consisting of 180 affordable apartments, located at 15 Future Drive in Asheville. The Borrower is seeking to keep these units affordable, using a combination of 4% Low Income Housing Tax Credits and bond debt.

Ledgewood Village was constructed in 1975 through the Federal Housing Administration ("FHA") 236 program. The property was acquired and rehabilitated in 2000 in connection with a 4% low income housing tax credit (LIHTC) and bond financing. The Borrower proposes to acquire and rehabilitate the property with financing primarily provided through a HUD 221(d)(4) loan, tax-exempt bonds, and equity from 4% low income housing tax credits. This financing serves two purposes. First, it allows for a recapitalization of the Property with LIHTC equity and attractive long-term debt that will allow for a beneficial capital injection. Second, it ensures that the units will remain affordable for a period of at least 30 years.

The Housing Authority approved a bond inducement resolution for the bonds, and the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency approved the 4% LIHTC financing in January of this year.

On August 23, 2017, the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Asheville ("HACA") approved a bond inducement resolution to issue multifamily revenue bonds in an amount up to \$12,000,000, which resolution was amended on February 21, 2018 to approve an increase in the amount of the bonds to \$12,500,000, for the acquisition and renovation of Ledgewood Village Apartments. In January 2018, the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency ("NCHFA") offered its approval of the financing proposal, issuing a 42(m) tax credit commitment letter. All units at Ledgewood Village Apartments will be affordable to households earning no more than 60% of Area Median Income for 30 years.

The resident-in-place renovation will address a variety of project needs ranging from deferred maintenance items to project upgrades that will allow Ledgewood Village to compete favorably with market rate product. The proposed scope of work includes: new siding and insulation; new windows; new 30-year roofing; new design elements including entryway canopies; selective kitchen and bathroom renovations including energy efficient appliances and fixtures throughout; new durable flooring; new kitchen cabinets and countertops; new exhaust fans; fire alarm and electrical upgrades; new HVAC systems and energy-efficient hot water tanks; new LED lighting; ADA-accessible play structures; an expanded community building with renovated

laundry facilities and new computer lab; an expanded active monitoring security camera system; and improved paving, landscaping, sewerage, drainage and signage. As part of the renovation, nine (9) units will receive ADA upgrades, as will all common areas, including the laundry facilities, dumpster pads and enclosures, mail kiosk, walking path, and new play structures.

These capital improvements will extend the Property's useful life, while hopefully improving the quality of life for Ledgewood Village residents.

With offices located in Portland, Maine, Washington, D.C. and Wilmington, North Carolina, Silver Street Development Corporation ("Silver Street") is an organization dedicated to the quality preservation, operation, and growth of affordable housing in the U.S. The company is comprised of industry leaders with over 20 years of experience in the multifamily housing market. Silver Street strives to change the image of "low-income housing" by not only providing safe, healthy, and prideful communities, but also by providing the necessary tools and resources within communities to empower tenants to better themselves and their environment. Through partnerships and relationships with some of the industry's top leaders, Silver Street has pioneered the changing face of subsidized and affordable housing in the country. From implementing one of the first Section 236 decouplings to successfully crafting complex bond capitalization strategies to overcome obstacles arising from a difficult lending environment, Silver Street is constantly looking for ways to keep its portfolio in top condition. Currently, Silver Street owns over 11,000 units of affordable housing and is one of the Top 20 largest owners of affordable housing in the U.S.

Staff notes that the 4% LIHTC program is ideally suited for a purchase/renovation project such as this. Although either the City or the Housing Authority is authorized to issue bonds, historically the Housing Authority has played this role for multi-family rental developments.

The IRS requires that any bonds issued by Housing Authority for developments such as this have the approval of the plan of financing by City Council, following a public hearing with respect to such plan. On April 25, 2018 the Housing Authority held a public hearing, and there were no comments. Staff notes that approval does not obligate the City in any way to issue or pay for the bonds, or for any debt taken on by the developer.

Pro:

- 180 units of affordable housing will be preserved and renovated.

Con:

- None.

This financing plan does not require City investment, and maintains and improves residential tax base.

Staff recommends that City Council approve the resolution approving in principle the issuance by the Housing Authority of the City of Asheville of up to \$12,500,000 of multifamily housing revenue bonds for the acquisition and renovation of Ledgewood Village Apartments.

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- C. RESOLUTION NO. 18-95 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A UTILITY CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH THE N.C. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION FOR WATERLINE RELOCATION ON BRIDGE NO. 217 OVER GRASSY BRANCH**

Summary: The consideration of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Utility Construction Agreement with the N.C. Dept. of Transportation (NCDOT) for the estimated amount of \$153,680 plus a 10% contingency for a total budget of \$169,048 for the Bridge No. 217 over Grassy Branch on SR 2402 (Old Farm School Road) Waterline Relocation Project.

The NCDOT is moving forward in an effort make street and highway improvements to Bridge No. 217 over Grassy Branch on SR 2402 (Old Farm School Road) in Buncombe County. The City of Asheville owns and maintains municipal water lines within the right-of-way of the project area. As a condition of the installation, operation and maintenance of said waterlines within the NCDOT right-of-way, the City of Asheville Water Resources Department is responsible for 100% of the cost associated with adjustment or relocation of said waterlines should the need arise. For the purpose of construction coordination and efficiencies, the City of Asheville Water Resources Department wishes to enter into this Utility Construction Agreement with NCDOT, which allows the waterline utility work to be performed as part of the NCDOT's construction contract. NCDOT has estimated that the cost of the relocation and adjustment of municipally owned water lines for this project will be \$153,680.

Pros:

- Execution of the agreement allows the City of Asheville Water Resources Department to meet its obligations to NCDOT for the adjustment or relocation of municipal water lines within the NCDOT right-of-way.
- Execution of the agreement allows the required adjustment or relocation of municipal water lines to be performed under the NCDOT construction contract, which will provide construction efficiencies producing cost savings and allow construction schedules to be met.

Cons:

- Failure to execute the agreement hinders the City of Asheville Water Resources Department's ability to meet obligations to NCDOT for the adjustment or relocation of municipal water lines within the NCDOT right-of-way.
- Failure to execute the agreement prevents the required adjustment or relocation of municipal water lines from being performed under the NCDOT construction contract. This will create difficulties with construction coordination, create a lack of efficiencies and add to the overall cost of the construction.

The funding needed for this agreement is currently allocated within the NCDOT Project in the Water Resources Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Fund.

Staff recommends City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Utility Construction Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for the estimated amount of \$153,680 plus a 10% contingency for a total budget of \$169,048 for the Bridge No. 217 over Grassy Branch on SR 2402 (Old Farm School Road) Waterline Relocation Project.

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D. RESOLUTION NO. 18-96 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NEGOTIATION OF THE CITY DEBT FINANCING FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS WITH A DRAW PROGRAM THAT INCLUDES THE ISSUANCE OF INTERIM LIMITED OBLIGATION BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$48,000,000

Summary: The consideration of a resolution authorizing and directing the Interim City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, with advice from the City Attorney and Bond Counsel, to pursue and negotiate on behalf of the City debt financing for capital projects with a draw program

that includes the issuance of interim Limited Obligation Bonds (LOBs) in an amount not to exceed \$48,000,000. Such program will be in accordance with the provisions of Section 160A-20 of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

The City has reimbursement resolutions for Council approved capital projects authorized as part of the FY 2018 Budget. The interim LOB draw program will reimburse the City for costs incurred to date for those projects and allow the City to complete many of the projects. Upon completion, these projects will be permanently financed through longer-term LOBs and Special Obligation Bonds (SOBs).

The resolution authorizes the Interim City Manager and Chief Financial Officer to proceed and negotiate an interim LOB financing on behalf of the City. The resolution also authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to provide information to and seek necessary approvals from the LGC for such financing and to retain assistance from bond counsel and financial advisors as she deems necessary to carry out the transaction.

Pro:

- Allows the City to move forward with the Capital Improvement Program and Draw Program financing.

Con:

- None noted.

The interim LOBs draw program includes an amount not to exceed \$48,000,000. The annual debt service payments for this financing shall be calculated following responses from the considered banks and will be included in the Staff Report provided for the May 22, 2018 City Council meeting.

Staff recommends that City Council approve the resolution as it is proposed.

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E. RESOLUTION NO. 18-97 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE WHOLESALE PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE AND TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN TO INCREASE BLACK MOUNTAIN'S CAPACITY

Summary: The consideration of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a second amendment to the Wholesale Water Purchase Agreement (Agreement) between the City of Asheville (Asheville) and the Town of Black Mountain (Black Mountain) to increase Black Mountain's daily water allotment from 200,000 gallons per day (gpd) to 300,000 gpd.

Asheville and Black Mountain have an existing Agreement for Black Mountain to purchase water from Asheville.

Section B.4 of the Agreement with Black Mountain provides that Black Mountain may renegotiate the fixed volume amount upward with the City anytime during the term of this Agreement upon thirty (30) day written notice to the Director who shall negotiate in good faith within thirty (30) days of receiving the request for a new fixed volume monthly amount. Water Resources Staff has conducted a system analysis of the water availability and determined that the additional allotment can be conveyed to Black Mountain through the existing and proposed infrastructure.

Pro:

- This amended wholesale agreement will give Black Mountain the increased capacity they need to provide water to the Town customers.
- Asheville has the available water supply for Black Mountain's request for additional capacity.

Con:

- None

Asheville will gain \$22,080/year in additional revenue from the increase in fixed fees.

City staff recommends City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a second amendment to the Wholesale Purchase Agreement between the City of Asheville and the Town of Black Mountain to increase Black Mountain's daily water allotment from 200,000 gallons per day to 300,000 gallons per day.

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F. RESOLUTION NO. 18-98 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN TO TRANSFER WATER RESOURCES ASSETS WITHIN THE TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN SERVICE AREA FROM THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE TO THE TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN

Summary: The consideration of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Town of Black Mountain to transfer Water Resources assets within the Town of Black Mountain service area from the City of Asheville to the Town of Black Mountain.

The transfer of Water Resources assets has been in consideration for greater than 15 years. The transfer includes relinquishing ownership and future maintenance responsibilities of the City of Asheville's infrastructure within the Town of Black Mountain service area to the Town of Black Mountain over a two year period in two phases. This transfer allows the entities to be more efficient in the operation and maintenance of the water systems, which in many cases, occupy the same right of way. This also allows the Town of Black Mountain to increase their capacity through system expansion to serve their residents and proposed future commercial and industrial development.

On April 23, 2018, the Finance Committee reviewed this action and recommended approval.

Pros:

- The transfer will allow both entities to operate each water system more efficiently.
- The City will avoid future maintenance and infrastructure investments for these assets.

Con:

- Short-term revenue loss.

Although there will be a reduction in revenue for the City of Asheville, the increased water supplied to Black Mountain through the wholesale agreement will help offset this revenue loss. Additionally, the City will be able to reduce the maintenance activity of this system, which will need significant investment in the next 10 to 20 years. Black Mountain will be able to take advantage of the redundant infrastructure in some cases to minimize the maintenance and replacement costs that would be incurred by Asheville. Over time the transfer of these assets is a good economic and customer service decision for both entities.

Staff recommends City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Town of Black Mountain to transfer Water Resources assets within the Town of Black Mountain service area from the City of Asheville to the Town of Black Mountain.

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G. RESOLUTION NO. 18-99 - RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOUSING TRUST FUND POLICY

Summary: The consideration of a resolution authorizing the amendments to the Housing Trust Fund Policy.

The Housing and Community Development Committee (HCD) conducted its annual review of the Housing Trust Fund Policy with recommendations from both the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) and staff. The HCD Committee recommended that the following changes be made to the Policy after reviewing :

1. Equal priority given to rental and homeownership proposals
2. Permanent affordability given highest priority
3. Down Payment Assistance is an eligible use of funds, as long as funds are not forgiven
4. Unique features to the project can warrant awards outside of the existing policy
5. A minimum of 10% funds will be held until completion of the project
6. Number of affordable units and transit access given higher underwriting priority
7. Low Income (50% AMI) homeownership given additional points in underwriting
8. Bedroom size priority reduced from Tier II to Tier III in underwriting

Pros:

- The proposed changes would increase the incentive to create permanent affordable housing and create incentives for low income home ownership;
- The underwriting scoring matches the needs of the current affordable housing market, including the need for more units and homeownership opportunities;
- Down Payment Assistance funds provides additional support to the development of homeownership programs for low income households

Cons:

- Homeownership loans are still 3-year construction loans and may remain a challenge for developers;
- Private developers may ask to keep loans in the project for the life of a permanent affordability period, which could deplete the fund balance over time;
- Upholding a higher weight to the underwriting score is not being leveraged.

The Housing and Community Development Committee recommends City Council approve a resolution approving the amendments to the Housing Trust Fund Policy.

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H. RESOLUTION NO. 18-100 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FRENCH BROAD PAVING INC. FOR THE PARKS SPORT COURT UPGRADES/RENOVATIONS BOND PROJECT

ORDINANCE NO. 4667 - BUDGET AMENDMENT TO FUND THE PARKS SPORT COURT UPGRADES/RENOVATIONS

Summary: The consideration of a (1) resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with French Broad Paving, Inc, to provide construction services for Asheville Parks Sport Court Upgrades/ Renovations Bond Project for an amount of \$890,000 and further authorizing the execution of any contract amendments up to 5% (44,500) above of the contract price, which may arise during execution of said project; and (2) technical budget amendment in the amount of \$157,500 to move additional funding needed for this project from the Parks and Recreation Department's General Fund adopted deferred maintenance budget to the General Capital Project Fund Bond Project.

The primary goal of the project is to address maintenance backlog for sport courts and to build for the future. These goals will be accomplished by replacing out of date facilities and site components that have reached the end of their service life. Specific sport court upgrades will include site grading/drainage, new equipment, surfacing, fencing, site furniture, drinking fountains, plant materials, and accessible pedestrian circulation systems.

The sport court projects have been prioritized with a focus on improvements in underserved areas of the city. These improvements will address the needs of diverse park users through replacement of existing assets in parks to better reflect changing neighborhoods and their long-term recreation requirements.

Weaver Park, Murphy-Oakley Park, Montford Park, and Malvern Hills Park sport courts were designed and bid as part of this project. The City issued an Advertisement for Bids for construction on February 21, 2018, pursuant to NCGS 143-129. One bid was received on the bid due date of March 14, 2018. As of the re-advertised bid opening date on April 4, 2018, the City received one bid making French Broad Paving, Inc located in Marshall, North Carolina the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder with a base bid of \$1,139,867.60. As this exceeded the available funding, the City negotiated a base bid for all work at Murphy-Oakley Park, Montford Park, and Malvern Hills Park in the amount of \$890,000 to bring the contract within the available budget. These court projects were prioritized for reconstruction based upon their current condition and to provide an equitable distribution of court projects. Weaver Park will be considered as future funding becomes available.

The tentative project timeline for construction is June 2018 - December 2018.

Pro:

- Improves the safety and functionality of the City's sport courts for park users by replacing and improving existing courts.

Con:

- The proposed courts and portions of the adjacent park will be partially closed during renovations since the majority of work is scheduled to take place during the summer. Any closure will be advertised and coordinated with general park users, Parks & Recreation programming and neighborhood representatives.

The General Obligation (GO) Bond included \$1,015,000 in funding for the Parks Sport Court Upgrades/ Renovations Project. In order to fully cover the cost of the contract and other expenses in the project, an additional \$157,500 in funding is being transferred from the Parks and Recreation Department's General Fund adopted deferred maintenance budget to the project. A technical budget amendment is included in order to provide budget authorization for this transfer.

Staff recommends City Council authorize the City Manager to (1) execute a contract with French Broad Paving, Inc, to provide construction services for Asheville Parks Sport Court Upgrades/ Renovations Bond Project Bond Project for an amount of \$890,000, and further

authorizing the execution of any contract amendments up to 5% (\$44,500) above of the contract price, which may arise during execution of said project; and (2) execute a technical budget amendment in the amount of \$157,500 to move additional funding needed for this project from the Parks and Recreation Department's General Fund adopted deferred maintenance budget to the General Capital Project Fund Bond Project.

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**I. RESOLUTION NO. 18-101 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY
MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH PATTON CONSTRUCTION
GROUP INC. FOR BOND YEAR 2 RESURFACING - STORMWATER
IMPROVEMENTS PIPE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Summary: The consideration of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Patton Construction Group, Inc. (Patton) for construction services necessary to perform the Year 2 Bond Resurfacing - Stormwater Improvements Pipe Replacement Project in the amount of \$326,525.00 and to enter into change orders to this contract not to exceed an additional 15% of the original contract amount or \$48,978.75 for a total amount of \$375,503.75.

This project is to complete the needed pipe replacement and minor stormwater improvements ahead of our Street Division Year 2 Bond Resurfacing Contract. This work includes but is not limited to the installation and replacement of stormwater pipe, stormwater structures, concrete curb and the associated repairs to driveways, sidewalk, and patching of roadway.

Within the scope of the project, Patton will install approximately 538 feet of new storm drainage infrastructure in various locations along Caledonia Road, Caribou Road, and Lakeshore Drive.

The project was posted for bid on March 28, 2018. A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting was held with a small turnout on April 9, 2018. Bids were scheduled to be opened on April 17, 2018; however, only one bid was received. The bid was not opened and was returned to the contractor.

Following the re-bid process, the project was re-advertised for at least 7 days. Bids were received and opened on April 25, 2018; with the following bid result:

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| Patton Construction Group of Arden, NC | \$326,525.00 |
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Upon careful consideration of the bidder, their bid submittal and their qualifications, the City determined that Patton Construction Group, Inc. was the lowest responsive responsible bidder. With Patton's bid the final contract amount will be \$326,525.00.

Pros:

- Repair and installation of storm drainage systems ahead of resurfacing prevents future roadway cuts and maintenance issues in these areas.
- Controlling stormwater runoff provides safe access for the citizens that visit this area.
- Making capital investments through projects achieves a goal of the Stormwater Utility Program.

Con:

- Construction will be disruptive to the area for approximately 2 months.

The total amount of the contract is \$326,525.00. Adding in a 15% contingency of \$48,978.75 brings the total required budget to \$375,503.75. This contract is funded through the General Obligation Bond Program as part of the road resurfacing allocation.

City staff recommends City Council adopt a resolution awarding the contract to Patton Construction Group and authorizing the City Manager to execute on behalf of the City of Asheville the contract for the construction services necessary to perform the Year 2 Bond Resurfacing - Stormwater Improvements Pipe Replacement Project in the amount of \$326,525.00 and to enter into change orders to this contract not to exceed an additional 15% of the original contract amount or \$48,978.75.

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Mayor Manheimer asked for public comments on any item on the Consent Agenda, but received none.

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

Vice-Mayor Wisler moved for the adoption of the Consent Agenda. This motion was seconded by Councilman Kapoor and carried unanimously.

III. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS:

A. CITY OF ASHEVILLE YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Mayor Manheimer said that for the past decade, the Asheville City Council has celebrated the achievements of the dedicated and deserving students who have been selected for CAYLA. CAYLA, the acronym for the City of Asheville Youth Leadership Academy, was started in 2007 as an internship program that would also help youth share their time and talents in our community, support them in their quest for college, and reward them with a generous scholarship. This past year, the CAYLA program expanded to include students attending Buncombe County high schools in addition to Asheville High and SILSA. She then welcomed the CAYLA seniors who will be making a brief presentation to City Council this evening and who are representing the 40 students selected for the program this year.

Isabel Arrendondo, Devin Boston, Jasmine Riddle, Rayanna Inniss and Kaitlyn Srey spoke about their experiences with the CAYLA program and thanked Council for supporting this program.

Mayor Manheimer then recognized all CAYLA students and recognized the hard work and dedication of Founding Director of the City of Asheville Youth Leadership Academy Erika Germer.

B. PRESENTATION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 OPERATING BUDGET

Chief Financial Officer Barbara Whitehorn explained (1) the total budget is \$124.2 million (2.9% increase); (2) the property tax rate is 42.89 cents (no change); (3) the Fund Balance use is \$471,000; and (4) the unassigned Fund Balance as a percent of proposed budget is 16.81%.

Funded programs and initiatives from the Blue Ribbon Task Force include (1) funding a Human Relations Commission to address issues of equity, diversity and inclusion; (2) funding an Equity Office for development of the Equity Office with three additional staff; (3) funding to hire an

additional Transit Planner in the Transportation Department; and (4) funding for three electric and two diesel buses.

Fee changes regarding structure and use of parking revenues include (1) in-and-out in an hour free; (2) all parking over 1 hour pays first hour (\$800,000 allocated to transit); (3) monthly rates increased by \$10; and (4) daily maximum increased to \$12 (\$100,000 allocated to transit).

Mayor Manheimer said that the public hearing on the budget will be held on May 22, 2018, and the final adoption will be held on June 19, 2018.

ORDINANCE NO. 4668 - ORDINANCE ADOPTING CHANGES TO PARKING GARAGE FEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-19

Director of Finance Barbara Whitehorn said that this is the consideration of an ordinance adopting changes to parking garage fees for Fiscal Year 2018-19.

At the April 10th and April 24th Budget Worksessions, staff discussed with City Council proposals for changing fees in the City's four parking garages. As part of the April 24th Worksession, City Council endorsed staff bringing forward for adoption the following changes:

Increase monthly rates in garages: Depending on the garage, monthly rates range from \$40 (discounted rate) to \$140. Currently, there are 950+ monthly account holders generating about \$750,000 annually. Raising the monthly rates by \$10 would generate an increase of \$100,000 annually.

Increase the daily maximum: Based on the current annual transient transactions that exceed the \$10 daily maximum in the four parking garages, staff estimates that raising the daily maximum to \$12 would generate an increase of \$60,000 annually.

Revise first hour free: Patrons who stay in City garages for less than 1 hour would continue to receive that hour of parking for free. However, if a patron's stay exceeds 1 hour, they would pay for that first hour and all subsequent time at the hourly rates (up to the daily maximum of \$12). Based on the current annual transient transactions occurring in the four parking garages, staff estimates that revising the first hour free policy would generate an increase of \$800,000 annually.

A full summary of the proposed adjustments to parking garage fees was provided to Council. All of the proposed fee adjustments would be effective July 1, 2018.

Pros:

- Provides opportunity to recover the cost of services from those that directly utilize or benefit from the service where appropriate, reducing the financial burden of city services on taxpayers.
- Provides additional revenue to help balance the FY 2018-19 budget.
- Allows staff to begin communicating fee changes to citizens, customers, and stakeholders so they are aware of changes that will be implemented on July 1.

Con:

- A slight increase in parking costs for Asheville citizens and customers.

The proposed fee adjustments would generate estimated Parking Fund revenue in the amount of \$960,000.

City staff recommends City Council adopt an ordinance establishing the attached changes to fees and charges in City parking garages effective July 1, 2018.

Councilman Haynes did not support revising the first hour free at the parking garages.

Councilman Kapoor said that he has heard that downtown businesses are concerned that they are going to suffer from these increases; however, in his view, these increases are important to the budget and since the additional funds will be allocated to our transit system he felt they are justified.

At the request of Vice-Mayor Wisler, it was the consensus of Council for staff to prepare a comprehensive proposal on where parking is metered and where it is not, and, where the locations are not metered (i.e., West Asheville, River Arts District, Biltmore Park, Biltmore Village) a justification on why there are no meters at those locations.

Ms. Karen Ramshaw felt that these fee increases will contribute to the loss of local business downtown.

Ms. Dee Williams felt Council should come up with a more sustainable approach and a more long-range view of parking in order to support the small local businesses downtown.

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

Councilwoman Smith moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 4668. This motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Wisler and carried on a 5-1 vote, with Councilman Haynes voting "no".

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C. BOND PROCESS AND FINANCIAL UPDATE

Parks Program Manager Pete Wall reviewed the bond capital projects process, from project prioritization, project planning, site planning and design, construction and operations.

Project planning is the process of deciding high level project concepts through staff interaction and engagement with community stakeholders. Planning details (1) this process typically takes months to years depending on project complexity, community buy in and agreement about project vision; and (2) products of this effort include project concepts, initial budgets, community input, and identification of project challenges.

Current examples:

- Memorial Stadium - \$4,075,000 - Planning construction start in Summer of 2020
- Dr. Wesley Grant Center - \$4,650,000 - Planned construction start in Summer of 2020
- Parks Land Acquisition - \$2,000,000 - On-going - Anticipated to be completed by 2022
- Road Resurfacing Phase 3 - \$5,610,000 - Planned for 2019

Total value of projects currently in planning phase - \$28,449,000.

Site planning and design is the process of developing scope concepts into refined buildable project details. Identification and resolution of specific site challenges including constructability and right-of-way acquisition. Site planning and design details (1) with a well defined scope and depending on project complexity, this process can take several months to a

year. (Large complex projects may exceed a year.); (2) products of this effort include refined budgets, bid documents, acquisition of easements, and construction agreements.

Current examples:

- Sport Courts - \$1,015,000 - Project completion Fall 2018
- Tempie Avery/Montford Complex - \$1,700,000 - Completion Winter 2018
- Hill Street Sidewalk - \$468,000 - Completion Fall 2018
- Airport Road Sidewalk - \$572,500 - Completion Spring 2019

Total value of projects currently in design phase - \$12,433,000

Construction is the process of building projects that meet the planning and design expectations of the community. Construction details (1) projects in the phase of work are typically completed in one construction season (April to November) but can take multiple years depending on the project complexity; (2) products of this effort include new or refurbished infrastructure; and (3) this phase has the most direct impact to citizens. Especially businesses and residents near the project area.

Current examples:

- Martin Luther King Jr. Road - \$2,909,620 - Complete May 2018
- Phase 1 Resurfacing - \$2,753,380 - Complete Summer 2018
- Bus Shelters - \$500,000 - Ongoing until money is spent
- Traffic Calming - \$400,000 - Ongoing until money is spent

Total value of projects currently in construction phase - \$7,578,000

D. CITY MANAGER RECRUITMENT PROCESS

Interim Assistant City Manager Peggy Rowe said that we are finalizing the contract with the Executive Search Firm Springsted / Waters for the purpose of conducting a national search for the next Asheville City Manager. As you might recall we conducted a Request for Proposal that opened on March 1, 2018, and closed on April 2, 2018. There were nine (9) responses. A team of employees made up of representatives from Human Resources, City Manager's Office (CMO), City Equity and Inclusion Office, and once City Council member using an objective process, selected Springsted/Waters to conduct the search.

A committee made up of a cross functional group of employees is launching a portal for a survey so that residents may provide input into the profile for our next City Manager. Additionally, this same team lead by the Communications and Public Engagement Department (CAPE) along with HR, CMO, and others, have announced dates for community meetings where residents may have input as well. The information gathered from these meetings along with the survey will inform the profile for the new City Manager prior to beginning the recruitment.

There will be several opportunities for community input in addition to those listed above. There will be focus groups with community stakeholders as well as focus groups with some employees. There will be a committee made up of residents and employees who will reduce a number of finalists to a smaller number for additional consideration. There will be a panel formed that will interview candidates. This interview panel will be made up of employees and key residents.

As you have requested we have proposed a process that allows many opportunities for residents to express the competencies they value in the new manager. Some opportunities inform the profile, some provide input into the candidates who are brought further into the process, while others interview candidates and recommend finalists to Council for selection.

There were two public meetings on May 10 at the Skyland Fire Department; and another downtown meeting will be held on May 19 at the Public Works Building. Child care and interpretive services will be available. Public input will also be taken through an online survey May 10-27 at Open City Hall Asheville. Physical copies will be available at recreation and community centers. Comments can also be left at 259-5900. Additional community meetings will be added as needed.

E. LEGISLATION

Mayor Manheimer said that after the incident involving Mr. Johnnie Rush, one of the goals that Council had on their list was a request to the legislature for a set of legislation that would strengthen our tools to implement change that better reflects the goals of our community. Later on the agenda is an item to dissolve the Citizens-Police Advisory Committee (CPAC). Now the City is underway with the creation of Human Relations Commission, noting that we have received 33 application for that Commission. Coupled with that, one legislative item is requesting the legislature to enact a local bill to have a Citizen Review Committee that better reflects what the community and Council wants - a Committee to actually have power and not just make recommendations. The legislation includes the power of the Citizen Review Committee to make binding decisions, to have subpoena power, to look at personnel records, to be able to view body-cam footage with a confidentiality agreement, etc. This will apply only to Asheville but it is modeled after House Bill 165 introduced last session. House Bill 165 is dead, but it is a bill that would have applied statewide. She contacted one of the sponsors of House Bill 165 and he suggested that Asheville ask for a local bill that uses the same concept. Because we have a Civil Service Board, the creation of a Citizen Review Committee that has the power to make binding and appealable decisions, does not work. Coupled with the draft bill to establish of a Citizen Review Committee is the repeal of the Civil Service Board.

Another legislative request is an exception that would apply to Asheville for the body-cam state law, which does not allow city councils or a citizen review committee to review body-cam footage. This would create an exception for City Council and a Citizen Review Committee to be able to see that body-cam footage if a confidentiality agreement is signed. If this passes, the state law that allows city councils to petition the courts to have that body-cam footage provided to the public (which we have done once before) would still be a tool.

The other legislative request is a bill that asks that the City of Asheville be allowed to disclose limited personnel information. Currently if someone files a complaint against someone in the Asheville Police Department because of the personnel laws the results of your complaint may not be disclosed to the complainant. This bill, modeled after Greensboro, would allow a complainant to actually hear the results of their complaint.

After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council to forward these legislative requests to the Governance Committee, which will meet on May 22, 2018, noting that the bill drafting deadline is May 25. In addition, discussion of these legislative requests will be placed on the Council's May 22 agenda as well.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. REVIEW OF ASHEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT OPEN DATA

Assistant to the City Manager Jaime Matthews said that the City Council adopted the Open Data Policy in October of 2015, which was drafted in collaboration with Code for Asheville.

Since that time we have provided dozens of data sets including info on transportation, capital projects, employee salary data, and Asheville Police Department (APD) Crime Data on the City's Open Data Portal.

At the April 24 meeting of City Council, Code for Asheville's Petition for Police Accountability for Data Transparency was presented. Council members asked that staff review the feasibility of implementing the open data requests and provide a timeline.

This following is an overview of their request for (1) data sets - use of force; emergency call data; crime reports; citation and arrest data; citizen complaints; traffic stop reports; and demographic information of APD officers; (2) policies and reports - APD Policy Manual; internal reports; internal audits of body worn cameras; and (3) additional actions - Blue Ribbon Committee; NAACP and SCSJ Policy reforms; Anti-Retaliation Policy; Police data initiative; and recordings of committee meetings.

The additional actions have either already been addressed or involve policies and procedures that will need further guidance from Council.

Over the last two weeks, the Information Technology (IT) Department, the City Manager's Office, APD, and Legal have reviewed the Open Data requests and developed action items and next steps.

She thanked Patrick Conant leading petition and for his thoughtful recommendations. She looked forward to working collaboratively as our open data program grows.

She said that various definitions of open data exist. Generally, open data is a set of "granular" information (i.e., incidents rather than aggregations or summaries); in a downloadable, digital format; available online at no cost; machine-readable and analyzable (i.e., no PDF, image, or other locked files); nonproprietary and without restriction; and released by the original information source in a timely manner.

The goals for the APD open data are that they (1) be consistent with the Open Data Policy; (2) provide ample safeguards for the privacy of both officers and citizens and for the integrity of criminal investigations; and (3) increase trust between the City and the community that it serves.

Regarding short-term action items, the following data sets will go up after some technical procedures are worked out: (1) Crime Reports including data back to 2005 with disclaimer - this request has been met as of today; (2) Traffic Stop Data - data that is currently reported to the state; (3) Demographics information on all City employees - review with Human Resources Department and Equity Office; and (4) APD manuals, policies and forms that are public record. We are hoping the others will be in the next few months. This includes the request for APD manuals, policies and forms that are a public record. The Traffic Stop Data, Demographics and the APD manuals and forms will be made available online as soon as some technical glitches are worked out.

As we address the short term action items, we will need further review which will include engagement with stakeholders on the following additional data requests: (1) additional traffic stop data; (2) citation and arrest data; (3) emergency call data; (4) citizen complaints; and (5) use of force.

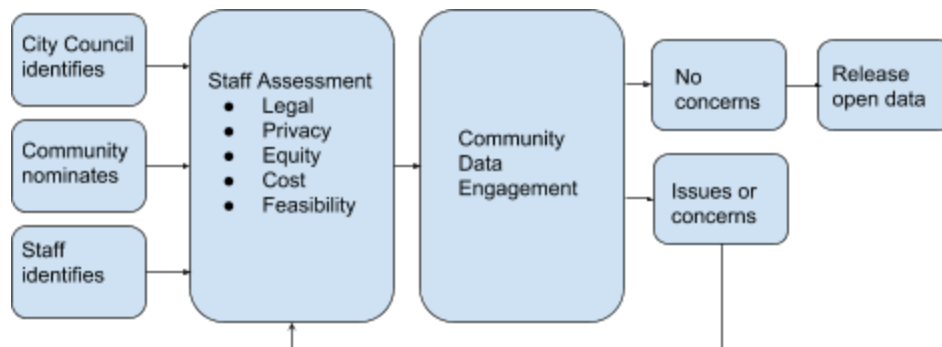
As staff we started this conversation, and would like more voices at the table as we work through questions and concerns.

Business and Public Technology Manager of the IT Department Scott Barnwell said that IT Services has been working on an improved data governance process for all City open data, one that explicitly includes engagement with the public around the purpose and use of open data. The release of the datasets requested by Code for Asheville present an opportunity to flesh out the engagement portion of that process.

The release of open data begins with identifying datasets of value to the community. To date, the City of Asheville has used the following three criteria to identify potential datasets to be released as open data:

1. Pragmatics: Does publishing a dataset as open data save staff time? For example, if a dataset is regularly requested as a public records request, automating the availability of that information through the open data portal eliminates the need for ongoing manual responses to public records requests.
2. Policy: What does our governing board want prioritized as open data?
3. Participation: What does the community want to prioritize as open data? Currently, the City of Asheville’s open data portal has a link to “Nominate” data to be released as open data.

Once a dataset of interest has been identified, staff evaluates the release for technical feasibility, legal and privacy considerations, and alignment with best practices. This is the point at which we identified the need for an enhanced open data release process earlier this year that allows the community to weigh in.



In this process, data is only released after successfully passing through both staff assessment and community engagement. He noted that he has gotten feedback from Mr. Conant on how to improve the flowchart draft process for open data.

Next steps include (1) a collaborative process will be conducted through engagement with key stakeholders; (2) the process will include monthly meetings as well as opportunity for online participation; (3) staff is currently starting this process to set up our first engagement meeting for the datasets above; (4) staff will use this specific opportunity to test and refine the open data process, that can be used in the future when reviewing all open datasets; and (5) staff will give quarterly updates on progress to the Public Safety Committee until all items have been addressed.

Councilman Haynes hoped for a quicker timeline on the five additional action items - (1) additional traffic stop data; (2) citation and arrest data; (3) emergency call data; (4) citizen complaints; and (5) use of force.

Mr. Barnwell said that the technical part on the five additional action items is relatively easy for most of these, and IT is working with the Criminal Justice Information System to get the data ready to be published. The question is really with the APD and their concerns.

Councilman Young agreed with Councilman Haynes on the need to move quickly as quickly as possible to provide the five additional action items.

Vice-Mayor Wisler noted that it's not only transparency about what the APD is doing, but also making sure that our citizens are protected.

It was the consensus of Council to have staff report back to Council on June 19 with an update on each of the five additional action items, to include, but not limited to: what exactly is being requested; do we collect that data now or not; do we collect the data in a format that is easy to release or not; and if we have the data, what is the barrier to producing that information to the public, and if there is a barrier what is the alternative solution. Council is supportive of releasing the five additional data sets.

Mr. Patrick Conant provided Council with an update on their signatures and endorsements for the Code for Asheville's Petition. As of now, they have 1,108 signatures and 30 endorsements. He agreed that protecting the privacy of everyone but his proposal set a clear process to do that. He was frustrated that there are concerns around privacy because it is not that hard to handle it. The Petition was presented to put forward a tangible solution that can bring together many individuals and groups in the City. He believed the process is a starting point. He is doing everything he can to move the process forward, but felt the APD is not ready to move forward with data transparency. He asked for (1) a commitment of Council to release all of the data sets requested, (2) to revise the Open Data Policy to make it clear that if something is a public record it should be released as a data set; (3) a timeline of 30 days to hear a response on any data set request in the future; and (4) at least one Council member attend the stakeholder meetings.

With respect, Interim City Manager Ball addressed some of the concerns and noted that we don't have the ability to have people assigned to do this the full 40 hours of their workweek. From the date this came forward at the Public Safety Committee staff has been committed to try to get to this point. Also, Police Chief Hooper is committed to providing this as well. We have to do this responsibly. We are committed to work with Code for Asheville and to build trust and to get to the point we want to. City staff should not be viewed as trying to be obstructivists in this process because they are not. We want to be at the table and get to the point where everyone is working together. We are working on this responsibly and reasonably to protect all of our citizens. There is no agenda other than to do that. We too want transparency. Again, we do have the APD on board. Whear from Council this is a priority and as this is a higher agenda, it is at the expense of other things getting done.

Councilwoman Smith felt that we are in a crisis concerning our public safety. People don't feel safe because the public trust in the APD officers is eroding daily.

Councilman Haynes, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, said that he would be happy to attend the stakeholder meetings.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. RESOLUTION DISSOLVING THE CITIZENS-POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Deputy City Clerk Sarah Terwilliger said that this is the consideration of a resolution dissolving the Citizens-Police Advisory Committee.

The Citizen's Police Advisory Committee ("CPAC") was established by Resolution No. 91-67 on April 23, 1991, with the following duties and responsibilities: 1) to serve as liaison between the police and community over concerns; 2) to mediate problems or conflicts; 3) to serve as an advocate for programs, ideas, and methods to improve the relationship between police and the community; 4) to serve such other functions as falls within the province of the committee; and 5) to disseminate information to the community and the government officials of Asheville.

Throughout the years, CPAC has brought to light significant community concerns about systematic racism. In May of 2017 City Council created an ad hoc volunteer Blue Ribbon Committee ("BRC") which was charged with making recommendations for a new Human Relations Commission and reviewing the current scope of CPAC. Council froze appointments and reappointments to CPAC at that time. Of the nine voting seats on CPAC there are currently three vacant seats and two seats that have been expired for over a year.

On February 13, 2018, the BRC presented their recommendations to Council and on April 10, 2018, Council adopted Ordinance 4663 establishing the Human Relations Commission of Asheville (HRCA). The purpose of the Human Relations Commission of Asheville (HRCA) is to promote and improve human relations and achieve equity among all citizens in the City. Recognizing equity challenges are multi-faceted, the HRCA is charged with: 1) providing a forum where residents can raise and bring to the HRCA's attention to issues and complaints related to human relations; 2) promoting and improving human relations; and 3) advancing equity in public safety. Given this, the newly created HRCA is well positioned to take a comprehensive approach to affect positive change in equity and public safety in the City.

Regarding community relations, the Asheville Police Department ("APD") has established and is committed to continuing to grow relationships with a diverse group of organizations through more direct community engagement. APD Officers regularly attend neighborhood meetings to share information and listen to community concerns. A strong partnership with the City's neighborhood community engagement manager maximizes these effects.

In addition to current practices, a new community liaison program will provide community members direct access to the police chief and deputy chiefs through their quarterly attendance at neighborhood meetings. The APD will also continue to host community events and partner with community groups. All City-sponsored meetings with opportunities to engage with APD officers will all be posted on the City-wide calendar as well as shared through social media and neighborhood networks.

The Boards and Commissions Committee reviewed this action at their January 9, 2018, and April 10, 2018, meetings and it was recommended this move forward to Council.

Pros:

- More opportunities for direct communication between the Asheville Police Department and the community
- A more comprehensive approach to promoting and improving human relations
- A more comprehensive approach to improving equity in public safety

Con:

- Current CPAC members will be removed from their position, but they will be able to apply for a seat on the Human Relations Commission

Staff recommends City Council adopt a resolution to dissolve CPAC.

Councilman Young moved to dissolve CPAC. This motion was seconded by Councilman Haynes.

Councilwoman Smith felt Council should delay dissolving CPAC. She felt we believe now that the Human Relations Commission of Asheville (HRCA) is going to take up these community concerns but personally she felt that is a bad idea. She felt CPAC should stay in place to be a intermediary committee to hear public safety concerns. If we overload the HRCA with a lot of public safety issues and put the burden on them to resolve and mediate those issues, then the other scope of their work will be missing. The possible Citizen Review Committee might take the place of CPAC, but we have to wait to see the results. She felt that the role of CPAC should be redefined since it was established in 1991. She also felt that the HRCA should have two individuals from CPAC serve in a non-voting capacity.

Councilman Kapoor viewed the dissolution of CPAC as a transition until we get the HRCA up and running. He would not be opposed to dissolving CPAC, but felt it might be better to keep it active until the HRCA is firmly established.

Mayor Manheimer noted that many of the members of CPAC have resigned and we will need to begin the process of advertising for volunteers to fill those seats.

Councilman Young felt that once the HRCA gets established then he felt they will be able to take on a lot more. He was not opposed to keeping CPAC in a transition period until the HRCA gets firmly established.

The following individuals spoke in support of not dissolving CPAC at this time (as it is a forum for the public to express concerns about the nature of policing in our community) and suggested it remain at least until the HRCA is established:

Carol Rogoff Hallstrom
Mike Beech
Sabrah n'haRaven
Ashley Cooper
Carmen Ramos-Kennedy
Rondell Lance
Patrick Conant
Luke Fernbach
Dee Williams
Kim Roney

Mayor Manheimer said that the vision would be that eventually a Citizen Review Committee would be a subcommittee of the HRCA, but that decision would be left up to the HRCA.

Councilman Young withdrew his motion and Councilman Hayes withdrew his second.

It was the consensus of Council that the Boards & Commissions Committee finetune the scope of CPAC during the transitional period until the HRCA is established, and that the City Clerk's Office begin to advertise for the vacant seats.

VII. INFORMAL DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Jesse Michel, Mr. Luke Fernbach, Ms. Ashley Cooper and Mr. Patrick Conant spoke in support for Code for Asheville's petition for data transparency.

Mr. Stephen Pinsky hoped that City Council would consider providing resources to the Asheville Museum of Science.

Ms. Tiffany De'Bellott provided City Council with the Asheville City Schools Foundation After-School Update.

Ms. Becca Nestler and Mr. Steven Beltram, owner of Balsam Gardens, which is a 34-acre certified organic vegetable farm in Asheville, said that one of the challenges that we face is a heavy deer population that could devastate our crops. They reached out to Back Yard Bow Pro, which is a local charity, that helps land owners manage deer and donate the meat to organizations that feed the less advantaged in our community. In order to harvest the meat and donate it to charity we need to get a depredation permit from the NC Wildlife Commission. However, they could not issue one because there is a city ordinance banning the shooting of arrows in the city. There is an exemption in the ordinance for the protection of property. He understood that the City of Woodfin has the same ordinance and the city staff was able to give NC Wildlife Commission permission to issue a permit to a farm in that municipality. He asked for Council to direct City staff to prepare an ordinance amendment. They felt strongly that amending this ordinance to permit bona fide farms to sustainably harvest deer with bows to protect crops and feed less advantaged members of our community would be in accordance with the city Food Action Plan. It was the consensus of Council to have the Public Safety review the request, along with other options, i.e., fencing.

Mr. Jonathan Wainscott felt that the City has not been a good steward of their assets since the City's lease with the Asheville Tourists expired on December 31, 2016. He urged the City to renew the lease at a reasonable rate.

Mr. Rondell Lance, President of the Fraternal Order of Police, spoke in support of the APD officers, noting that they are doing their best to serve and protect the community.

Mr. Craig Loveland, APD officer, said that there is a crisis in public safety and that is that 2.2 officers a month leave the APD due to being overworked and not having the resources they need. He hoped that Council and the public understand that the actions of a few are not what the rest of the officers are doing. He hoped that Council get to a point where they can be proud of the APD again.

Mr. Michael Napeliyano, owner and operator of 27 Biltmore Avenue, asked for more APD officers to work the area from Pack Square down to 27 Biltmore Avenue in order to help with the problems associated with the homeless population camping out in front of his business and people on drugs that frequent that area. Mayor Manheimer said that Interim City Manager Ball is working on an idea (derived from a program in Fort Collins, Colorado) where the City helps fund a non-profit that trains people who can respond to calls from business owners who are dealing with the homeless and help them find resources that would better suit them.

Rev. Amy Cantrell urged Council to eliminate \$1.2 Million increase to the Asheville Police Department.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Manheimer adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR