#### **RESOLUTION NO. 11-17**

RESOLUTION ADOPTING CITY OF ASHEVILLE'S LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM FOR THE 2011 SESSION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

WHEREAS, the 2011 North Carolina General Assembly will convene on January 26, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Asheville has identified certain matters of local and State-wide interest where legislative action is needed or desired; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

The "City of Asheville Legislative Agenda and Priorities for the 2011 Session of the North Carolina General Assembly," attached hereto as Exhibit A, is hereby adopted.

The City Clerk and City Attorney are hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the members of the General Assembly whose districts include the City of Asheville, together with appropriate information in support of each item.

The City Council offers the City's assistance to members of the General Assembly and the legislative staff with respect to any of the items listed on Exhibit A, including the provision of additional information, and further resolutions in support of specific bills.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Asheville City Council expresses its thanks and appreciation to the members of the local delegation for their service on behalf of the City of Asheville.

Read, approved and adopted, this the 25th day of January, 2011.

Magdalen Buleson City Clerk

Mayor

Approved as to form:

City Attorney

#### **EXHIBIT A**

## CITY OF ASHEVILLE'S LEGISLATIVE AGENDA AND PRIORITIES FOR THE 2011 SESSION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- 1. Introduce a local bill to adjust the boundaries of Asheville and Woodfin to:
  - a) Eliminate pockets of unincorporated area between the two municipalities;
  - b) Resolve jurisdictional confusion in the area of UNC-A (including land set aside for future growth), and Broadway/I-26/River Road interchange;
  - c) Authorize agreements regarding service delivery to affected private properties.
- 2. Introduce a local bill or support general legislation to clarify status of local intranet facilities in connection with the Video Service Competition Act of 2006.
- 3. Introduce a local bill providing for annexation agreements for certain developments that receive city water service.
- 4. Support legislation to clarify authority and sources of revenue for implementation of Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) programs.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 11-18**

# RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NORTH CAROLINA METROLPOLITAN MAYORS COALITION LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY AGENDA FOR 2011

WHEREAS, the 2011 North Carolina General Assembly will convene January 26, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Asheville has received information regarding the North Carolina Metropolitan Mayors Coalition Legislative Advocacy Agenda for 2011, and wishes to support said agenda.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. That the City Council supports the North Carolina Metropolitan Mayors Coalition Advocacy Agenda, listed below:
  - Defend against attempts to shift state responsibilities to local governments and protect local revenues.
  - Support the needs of the Justice System.
  - Support efforts to reduce gang violence.
  - Support efforts to advance North Carolina's biotech industry and grow related jobs.
  - Preserve local government ability to engage and lead in communication public enterprises.
  - Support adding more revenues to the Mobility Fund and set aside for expanding Powell Bill with a new allocation based on lane miles and set aside for Interstate Maintenance.
  - Defend existing statutory roadway responsibilities between the State and local government.
  - Continue to improve the relationship between the N.C. Department of Transportation and local government.
- 2. That the City Attorney is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the members of the North Carolina General Assembly whose districts include the City of Asheville.

Read, approved and adopted this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011.

Magdalen Bulleson City Clerk	Im Wild	lann
City Clerk	Mayor	

Approved as to form:

City Attorney

### **RESOLUTION NO. 11-19**

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE FOR A STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM

WHEREAS, in October 2005, the City of Asheville signed onto the U.S. Conference of Mayors "Mayors Climate Protection Agreement" to express Asheville's commitment to climate protection; and

WHEREAS, the City has created a Sustainable Advisory Committee on Energy and the Environment (SACEE), which has as its short-term goal a commitment to serve as a model for the community regarding energy reduction and clean air initiatives; and

WHEREAS, electrical production is a major contributor to air pollution and greenhouse gases, and maintaining the quality of our air is a concern for the people of Asheville; and

WHEREAS, the Mayors Climate Protection Agreement calls for an 80 percent reduction of greenhouse gas production by 2050, and broad implementation of energy efficiency will be a significant component of meeting this important goal; and

WHEREAS, the only truly clean energy is energy that is not used; and

WHEREAS, installation of energy conservation and efficiency improvements has generated thousands of local "green collar" jobs in North Carolina, and Asheville non-profit agencies provide training for workers to fill them; yet the funding behind these jobs is set to expire April 2012; and

WHEREAS, low income residents of North Carolina are disproportionately impacted by living in older and less efficient homes and pay a higher percentage of income for energy costs; and

WHEREAS, our State's long-term energy plan should include continued, robust funding for weatherization and other energy efficiency programs to assist low income households; energy efficiency programs provide a meaningful improvement to the cost and quality of life of these citizens as well as a significant positive environmental impact; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

<u>Section 1</u>. The City will support a pending legislative proposal to the North Carolina General Assembly by the NC SAVE\$ ENERGY alliance to fund a sustained program of weatherization and other efficiency services to continue beyond the end of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding. The proposal will seek to

establish a mechanism that does not require appropriations in order to continue the energy efficiency program.

- <u>Section 2</u>. Existing non-profit agencies providing services to low income residents would be eligible to continue and increase such services, and both non-profit and for profit entities will be eligible for contracts to provide services to residents of varying income levels.
- <u>Section 3</u>. Such an energy efficiency program would be required to save significant energy for City ratepayers; be fairly funded by all electricity and gas customers in proportion to their energy use, except for certain customers qualifying for approved subsidies, and provide incentives to customers to both conserve energy and implement energy efficiency measures.
- <u>Section 4</u>. The City Manager, with the assistance of the City Attorney, is authorized to convey this resolution to the North Carolina General Assembly and to submit written comments as appropriate in support of this resolution.

Section 5. This resolution shall be effective on and after its passage.

Read, approved and adopted this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011.

Magdalen Bullson City Clerk

Mayor

Approved as to form:

City Attorney