City Council Agenda Item Request
Submit to Clerk's Office
No later than 30 days before proposed Council meeting

1. **Date submitted to Clerk's Office: Jul 8, 2025**

2. **Primary contact person and Department requesting agenda item: Jade Dundas, Interim Assistant City Manager**

3. **Requested Council meeting date:** September 9, 2025

4. **Subject:** Dedication of a section of I-40 at exit 51 in the name of Jim Daniels.

5. **Action Requested:** Resolution supporting and requesting the N.C. Dept. of Transportation (NCDOT) to dedicate a section of I-40 at exit 51 in memory of Jim Daniels.

6. **Note if time sensitive, and why: No**

7. **Potential fiscal impact(s) - if known by staff at time of request:**
   - No fiscal impact to the City of Asheville

8. **Identify all vendor outreach for Minority & Women Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE).**
   - N/A

9. **Identify all Boards, Commissions and Council Committees with tentative dates - add in the vote and recommendation from each Board:**
   - N/A

10. **Identify key issues:**
    - Jim Daniels was a businessman and second generation president of Daniels Business Services which includes Daniels Graphics (a commercial printing company) and Daniels Communications (a 24 hour Answering Service).
    - He was a member of a group of motivated people that really reshaped Asheville in the 80's.
    - He worked closely with other visionaries to help improve the Asheville downtown area and business landscape.
    - Under the Governor Hunt administration Jim served on the NC DOT board and was in part responsible for the exit 51 project off of I-40 to Sweeten Creek Road
    - Jim also served on many boards which were essential to the growth and revitalization of Asheville.
    - These boards include but are not limited to, Advisory Board Wachovia Bank (member), Quality Forward (founder), Printing Industry of the Carolinas, (President), Board of Directors Institute at Biltmore (member). A board on which he was especially proud to participate was the NC Community Colleges board.
    - He was involved in the founding of many NC and local organizations including the NC Alarms Systems Monitoring Board.
    - Mainly he was a real Asheville homegrown character who did great things for the City of Asheville and the State of North Carolina.