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:** July 30, 2025

2. **Primary contact person and Department requesting agenda item:** Ben Woody, Assistant City Manager

3. **Requested Council meeting date:** August 26, 2025

4. **Subject:** Helene Recovery Boards and Advisory Boards Operational Structure

5. **Action Requested:** Adoption of a resolution establishing four Helene Recovery boards and the temporary operational structure of current city advisory boards and commissions.

6. **Note if time sensitive, and why:** Yes, need to get direction on advisory boards

7. **Potential fiscal impact(s) - if known by staff at time of request:** None

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:** City Council Agenda Briefing on July 24, 2025; Manager's Report on City Council formal meeting on July 29, 2025

10. **Identify key issues:**
    - Recovery efforts from this storm remain ongoing and a top priority for the Asheville City Council, City staff, and this community.
    - In the immediate aftermath of the storm, and in an effort to focus City resources and efforts on storm response and recovery, all City-staffed advisory boards were temporarily suspended.
    - In January, 2025, the City began the process of board remobilization by restarting quasi-judicial boards according to each body's regular meeting schedule.
    - In September, 2025, the following technical boards will resume their regular meetings: Mountain Community Capital Fund; Asheville Regional Housing Consortium; Design Review Committee; Board of Electrical Examiners; Soil Erosion & Stormwater Control Board; and Firefighter's Relief Fund Board.
    - Some additional boards have also been permitted to meet on an ad hoc basis when sufficient need existed.
    - Despite the temporary ongoing suspension of the City's remaining boards and commissions, these public bodies remain a critical community connection and resource for City Council to provide efficient and effective government, as well as recovery efforts for the community.
    - Advisory board members provide expertise, community input, and ultimately develop policy recommendations on issues of importance to City Council.
    - The Asheville City Council asked staff to develop a temporary operational framework for all City boards and commissions in order to resume the mutual benefit of this resource, leverage this asset towards a full and robust recovery, ensure alignment between the work of the boards and commission and the City Council's priorities and organizational workplan, and balance the limited City resources needed to support these bodies.
    - The recommended structure will establish four recovery boards and place the remaining advisory boards on an assignment based work schedule.