City Council Agenda Item Request
Submit to Clerk's Office
30-60 days before proposed Council meeting

1. **Date submitted to Clerk's Office:** 5/22/2025

2. **Primary contact person and Department requesting agenda item:** Chad Pierce; Water Resources Department

3. **Requested Council meeting date:** 8/26/25

4. **Subject:** Contract for engineering design services for North Fork Transmission Main No. 3

5. **Action Requested:** Consideration of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign a contract with Ardurra Group, Inc.. for engineering services associated with North Fork Transmission Main No. 3.

6. **Note if time sensitive, and why:** Yes time sensitive due to FEMA funding request deadlines

7. **Potential fiscal impact(s) - if known by department staff at time of request:**
    - Estimated contract not to exceed value of $9,741,000.00. It is anticipated grant funding through FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) will be available.
    - To advance the contract and begin preliminary design prior to full funding approval, Water Resources Department will encumber $268,000 from the City of Asheville Water Resources Department Capital Improvement Project budget for the project and these funds are fully reimbursable after grant funding approval

8. **Identify all vendor outreach for Minority & Women Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE):**
    - Utilizing a qualifications based selection process, the Water Resources Department issued a Request for Qualifications on May 9, 2025.
    - Four responses to the Request for Qualifications were received from the following firms.
        - Ardurra
        - GMC
        - Hazen and Sawyer
        - SeamonWhiteside
    - A team of pertinent City of Asheville staff reviewed and rated the responses based on the specific rating criteria, which was outlined in the Request for Qualifications
    - Ardurra was selected as the most qualified firm for the proposed tasks
    - No other vendor outreach was performed.

9. **Identify all Boards, Commissions and Council Committees with tentative dates - add in the vote and recommendation from each Board:** None

10. **Identify key issues:**

- For consideration of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with the engineering consulting firm Ardurra for all professional services related to engineering design for the North Fork Transmission Main No. 3 project.
- The proposed project includes the development and design of approximately 30,000 linear feet of new Water Transmission Main and all associated infrastructure and appurtenances from North Fork Water Treatment Plant to the water system's transmission mains interconnection location colloquially known as Bee Tree Junction.
- In the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, it has been determined that a new transmission main from the City's primary water treatment plant is needed and it must be routed at a higher elevation further away from a restricted river corridor to reduce vulnerabilities to future flooding events. This proposed mitigation project is intended to meet those goals.
- Utilizing FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, the Water Resources Department has applied for funding approval for the development and design of this critical project and once approved the cost share will be 75/25, Federal/State.