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:** 8/7/2025

2. **Primary contact person and Department requesting agenda item:** Tony McDowell, Finance Department

3. **Requested Council meeting dates:** 8/26/2025

4. **Subject:** Budget Amendment for Helene Disaster Recovery and Response Expenses

5. **Action Requested:** Adoption of a budget amendment in the amount of $6.0M for additional Helene Disaster Recovery and Response Expenses, funded with Federal and State Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursements.

6. **Note if time sensitive, and why:** Spending authority from prior Helen-related budget amendments is nearing full utilization, so additional budget is needed in order to meet State Statute requirements related to pre-audits and budget authorizations.

7. **Potential fiscal impact(s) - if known by staff at time of request:** Staff anticipates that this $6.0M budget authorization will be fully reimbursed through federal and state disaster recovery reimbursements.

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:** None

10. **Identify key issues:**
    - The City has and will continue to incur expenses related to Tropical Storm Helene Disaster Recovery and Response.
    - To date City Council has approved Helen-related budget amendments in the City's Special Revenue Fund that total $22.8M.
    - This budget has been utilized to fund expenses related to Helene that include costs from the initial response, ongoing staff expenses, and the contract with Hagerty Consulting.
    - Spending authority from these prior Helen-related budget amendments is nearing full utilization, so additional budget is needed in order to meet State Statute requirements related to pre-audits and budget authorizations
    - Staff is recommending that Council amend the Helene budget by $6.0M to fund upcoming expenses such as a temporary Bridge for Gashes Greek and Hardesty Lane as well as force account labor expenses related to FEMA projects.

- Additional budget amendments may need to be brought forward to City Council in future meetings.