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 22, 2025

2. **Primary contact person and Department requesting agenda item:** Brad Branham

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

4. **Subject:** Additional Opioid Settlements

5. **Action Requested:** Adoption of resolution authorizing the City Attorney to enter into all Opioid Settlement Agreements in order to maximize the total funding attributed to North Carolina and its local governments, and to ensure the City's eligibility to receive funds from each settlement.

6. **Note if time sensitive, and why:** September 30th, 2025 is the deadline to join the next settlement.

7. **Potential fiscal impact(s):** Potential to receive unspecified additional opioid settlement funds.

8. **Identify all vendor outreach for Minority & Women Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE).** Not Applicable

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 opioid overdose epidemic continues to ravage individuals across the nation, North Carolina, and here in Asheville.
    - Several local governments across the country have filed lawsuits against opioid manufacturers, pharmaceutical destruction companies, chain drug stores, and related entities to hold those companies accountable for their misconduct.
    - The City has previously participated in two initial settlements in order to receive funding under those agreements.
    - The City of Asheville is receiving $2,847,281 in opioid settlement funds from 2022 through 2038.
    - By joining these settlements and approving the negotiated agreements, the City of Asheville will help to increase the total funds flowing to North Carolina local governments, and ensure that Asheville will receive a portion of those funds.
    - In order to join each settlement, it is necessary to direct a representative of the City to execute the legal agreements.
    - In past settlement agreements, the City Council has directed the City Attorney to consent to the City's inclusion.
    - This resolution will empower the City Attorney to continue the City's participation in all future opioid settlements