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:** 5/22/2025

2. **Primary contact person and Department requesting agenda item:** Wesley Rogers, Division Chief, Asheville Fire Department

3. **Requested Council meeting date:** June 24th, 2025

4. **Subject:** Contract agreement for State Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team Number Six (6)

5. **Action Requested:** Adoption of 2025 Contract Agreement for the State Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team Number Six (6)

6. **Note if time sensitive, and why:** N/A

7. **Potential fiscal impact(s) - if known by staff at time of request:** The City receives funding from North Carolina Emergency Management for a regional hazardous materials response team.

8. **Identify all vendor outreach for Minority & Women Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE).**
    - These services are provided in-house. then funded through the City's general fund and/or operating budgets.

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:**
    - The State of North Carolina provides the hazardous materials response truck, all response equipment and provides for administrative costs of operating the team.
    - In addition, the state funds extensive training for members of the Asheville Fire Department to enable us to competently handle hazardous materials emergencies.
    - The City of Asheville has full use of the truck and all specialty equipment within the City of Asheville.
    - Without the state hazardous materials contract, Asheville taxpayers would need to provide much of the resources necessary to properly respond to hazardous materials emergencies within Asheville.
    - With the contract, we have the advantage of the equipment and resources being funded at the state level, rather than at the local level.
    - During the thirty four years that we have provided regional hazardous materials response services, we have not experienced difficulties or disadvantages with the program.
    - This program is also consistent with the City's Strategic Operating Plan in partnership.
    - Firefighter and citizen safety will be enhanced.