City Council Agenda Item Request

1) **Date submitted to Clerk's Office:** May 15, 2025

2) **Primary contact person and Department requesting agenda item:** Jes Foster, Public Works: Sanitation Division

3) **Requested Council meeting date:** June 10, 2025

4) **Subject:** Ratification of the following three contracts for Public Works' Sanitation Division:
    a) General Services Contract 92500474 with DebrisTech, LLC; and
    b) General Services Contract 92500470 with Carolina Towing and Transport of NC, Inc.; and
    c) General Services Contract 92500471 with Hart's Towing, LLC.

5) **Action Requested:** Adoption of resolutions ratifying the following three contracts and all prior spending and future spending under said contracts for the purposes of towing and debris monitoring for Tropical Storm Helene-related recovery efforts:
    a) General Services Contract 92500474 with DebrisTech, LLC, for a total authorized not-to-exceed amount of $500,000.
    b) General Services Contract 92500470 with Carolina Towing and Transport of NC, Inc., for a total authorized not-to-exceed amount of $725,000.
    c) General Services Contract 92500471 with Hart's Towing, LLC, for a total authorized not-to-exceed amount of $725,000.

6) **Note if time sensitive, and why:** These contracts are time-sensitive due to Public Works' need for the services to carry out Tropical Storm Helene-related recovery efforts. Services provided will consist of the removal of titled property from City right-of-ways, private property, City property, or other areas within City limits as directed; documentation of the towing, storage, and disposal processes in accordance with applicable regulations; and debris monitoring services overseeing the above-mentioned processes.

7) **Potential fiscal impact(s) - if known by staff at time of request:**
    a) The fiscal impact will vary depending upon utilization, but the contracts will have a cumulative Not-To-Exceed limit of $1,950,000.
    b) Each contract will be paid from the funds allocated to Public Works for the purposes of Tropical Storm Helene-related expenses. Contracted services for the purposes of Tropical Storm Helene-related recovery efforts are expected to be eligible for FEMA reimbursement, either in whole or in part at 90%.

8) **Identify all vendor outreach for Minority & Women Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE).**
    a) General Services Contract 92500474 with DebrisTech, LLC, was completed under NC State Contract 19-IFB-015120-DAD, thus no outreach efforts conducted by the City.
    b) An ABI Policy Exemption was granted for the Helene Towing 2025 Bid, which resulted in the contracts with Hart's Towing and Carolina Towing and Transport of NC, Inc.

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:**

a) Over the course of September 26-29, the City of Asheville experienced unprecedented rainfall both from Tropical Storm Helene and a predecessor heavy rain event, resulting in catastrophic damage, primarily from the ensuing flooding and landslides.
b) A state of emergency went into effect in Asheville on September 25th in relation to these damaging storms.
c) The equipment and staffing capacity needed for recovery efforts exceeded that which was available of the City's internal capacity, rendering it necessary to contract for these services.
d) Contracted services consist of the following:
    i) Remove titled property from City right-of-ways, private property, City property, or other areas within City limits as directed;
    ii) Document towing, storage, and disposal processes in accordance with state and federal regulations, and provide all requested documentation to City of Asheville; and
    iii) Debris monitoring services to oversee the above-mentioned processes.