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 7, 2025

2. **Primary contact person, Department requesting agenda item:** Susannah Horton, Capital Management Department

3. **Requested Council meeting date:** July 29, 2025

4. **Subject:** Helene Recovery: Municipal Golf Course Restoration

5. **Action Requested:** Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Biohabitats of North Carolina, Inc. for design and engineering services to restore the front nine holes of the Asheville Municipal Golf Course; and budget amendment in an amount not to exceed $1,586,695.

6. **Note if time sensitive, and why:** Projects must be completed within the regulatory deadlines. To ensure the City receives the maximum reimbursable amount, time is of the essence to design, bid, and rebuild the damaged and unplayable front nine holes of the Asheville Municipal Golf Course.

7. **Potential fiscal impact(s) - if known by staff at time of request:**
    - This project is expected to be fully reimbursed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency - Public Assistance (FEMA-PA) program.
    - The cost of this contract is under negotiation. These negotiations are expected to be completed soon. Exact cost information will be presented in the final staff report.

8. **Identify all vendor outreach for Minority & Women Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE).**
    - This is a qualifications based selection process.
    - 12 MWBE vendors were notified of upcoming City of Asheville professional services opportunities, with this project being one of the opportunities on the list.
    - Biohabitats was selected by staff as the best qualified firm to deliver the requested services.

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:**
    - Design and engineering services to provide stormwater design, golf course design, and resiliency measures to reconstruct the front nine holes of the Asheville Municipal Golf Course
    - Property is on the National Historic Registry of Places
    - Golf course was designed by Donald Ross, a Golden Age golf course architect who recognized the importance of providing affordable and accessible golf opportunities to the public

- Asheville Municipal Golf Course is home to the Skyview Golf Tournament. The Skyview Golf Association was founded in 1959 in an effort to promote golf competition among Black golfers throughout the United States. The tournament has been held annually since 1960 and is a legacy in the golf community.

Area Map



