City Council Agenda Item Request

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

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

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

4) **Subject:** Authorization of Amendment to Public Works' Contract 92500474 with DebrisTech, LLC

5) **Action Requested:** Adoption of resolution authorizing the amendment to Contract 92500474 with DebrisTech, LLC, increasing the not-to-exceed limit from $500,000 to $1,200,000 for the purpose of Tropical Storm Helene-related recovery efforts.

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 debris monitoring services for the following processes: the removal of titled property and general debris from City right-of-ways, private property, City property, or other areas within City limits as directed; and documentation of the towing, storage, and disposal processes in accordance with applicable regulations.

7) **Potential fiscal impact(s) - if known by staff at time of request:**
    a) The fiscal impact will vary depending upon utilization, but will not exceed the limit of $1,200,000.
    b) Services rendered will be paid from the funds allocated to Public Works for the purposes of Tropical Storm Helene-related expenses.
    c) The contracted services are for the purposes of Tropical Storm Helene-related recovery efforts and are expected to be eligible for reimbursement at 90% from FEMA and the remaining 10% from the State.

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 were conducted by the City.

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, 2024, 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) General Services Contract 92500474 was executed with DebrisTech, LLC, for a total authorized not-to-exceed limit of $500,000 for the purposes of Tropical Storm Helene-related recovery efforts.
e) Contracted services consisted of debris monitoring services to oversee the following processes:
    i) Remove titled property from City right-of-ways, private property, City property, or other areas within City limits as directed; and
    ii) Document towing, storage, and disposal processes in accordance with state and federal regulations, and provide all requested documentation to the City of Asheville.
f) There are now several general debris removal projects being conducted under FEMA's Public Assistance Program that will require monitoring, including Richmond Hill Park, Reed Creek Greenway, Depot Street Box Culvert, and remaining public property punch list items.
g) DebrisTech monitors will document the debris removal process, including tracking debris from collection to disposal, and will verify compliance with safety and regulatory guidelines as well as compliance with the scope of work. Debris monitoring is a requirement for FEMA reimbursement for debris removal costs.
h) To account for the monitoring costs associated with these additional projects, the not-to-exceed limit of the contract is being increased from $500,000 to $1,200,000.