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:** 7/7/2025

2. **Primary contact person and Department requesting agenda item:** Rachel Taylor, Economic Development

3. **Requested Council meeting date:** 7/29/2025

4. **Subject:** Amendment to the license agreement between the City of Asheville and Verizon Wireless on 166 Reservoir Road (also referred to as Lower White Fawn Tower) to allow for equipment changes.

5. **Action Requested:** Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign a license agreement amendment with Verizon for the Lower White Fawn telecommunications tower to allow for equipment changes.

6. **Note if time sensitive, and why:** This license agreement amendment is necessary for Verizon to carry out critical equipment updates.

7. **Potential fiscal impact(s) - if known by staff at time of request:**
    - Verizon Wireless will pay an additional $475 per month to account for the equipment changes.

8. **Identify all vendor outreach for Minority & Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE).**
    - N/A

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 City of Asheville owns real property at PIN #9648-56-7004 and 9648-55-8749, whose address is 166 Reservoir Road.
    - The City owns a telecommunications tower on the site, known as the Lower White Fawn tower.
    - The City utilizes the tower for public safety equipment and licenses the use of extra space to private telecommunications companies.
    - Verizon's license agreement is not scheduled to expire until 2028, with the possibility of a five-year renewal after that date.
    - At present, Verizon requests to add or replace equipment that is currently on the tower.
    - Based on the request to increase the equipment beyond the existing license agreement rights, staff recommends an increase to the current rental rate ($3,843.36) by $475.00 per month for a total monthly rate of $4,318.36 with an annual 3% escalation rate.