**City Council Agenda Item Request**

1) **Date submitted to Clerk's Office:** June 18, 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:** Ratification of Tropical Storm Helene-related contract for Public Works' Sanitation Division with Southern Disaster Recovery, LLC.

5) **Action Requested:** Adoption of resolution ratifying the not-to-exceed contract with Southern Disaster Recovery, LLC, in the amount of $6,000,000, to include all prior spending and future spending under said contract for the purpose of Tropical Storm Helene-related recovery efforts.

6) **Note if time sensitive, and why:** This contract is time-sensitive due to Public Works' need for the services to carry out Tropical Storm Helene-related recovery efforts. Contracted services will consist of the hauling and removal of disaster debris.

7) **Potential fiscal impact(s) - if known by staff at time of request:**
    a) The fiscal impact will vary depending upon utilization, but the contract has a Not-To-Exceed limit of $6,000,000.
    b) The 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 92500520 with Southern Disaster Recovery, 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 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 92500520 was executed with Southern Disaster Recovery, LLC, with a Not-To-Exceed limit of $6,000,000, for the purposes of Tropical Storm Helene-related recovery efforts. This contract was completed under NC State Contract 19-IFB-015120-DAD.
    e) Contracted services will consist of the hauling and removal of disaster debris.