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:** 4/6/2026

2. **Primary contact person and Department requesting agenda item:** Becki Ogles, Finance Department

3. **Requested Council meeting date:** 4/28/2026

4. **Subject:** Budget Amendment for Helene Disaster Recovery and Response Expenses and Allocation of Insurance funds.

5. **Action Requested:** Adoption of a budget amendment in the amount of $7.2M, $5.1M for additional Helene Disaster Recovery and Response Expenses, funded with Federal and State Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursements and $2.1M for allocation of insurance proceeds received to date related to recovery projects.

6. **Note if time sensitive, and why:** Spending authority from prior Helene-related budget amendments is nearing full utilization and additional projects have been obligated, so additional budget is needed in order to meet State Statute requirements related to pre-audits and budget authorizations.

7. **Potential fiscal impact(s) - if known by staff at time of request:** Staff anticipates that this $5.1M budget authorization will be fully reimbursed through federal and state disaster recovery reimbursements and the $2.1M has already been received from our insurance carrier.

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 has and will continue to incur expenses related to Tropical Storm Helene Disaster Recovery and Response.
    - To date, City Council has approved Helene-related budget amendments totaling $28.8M.
    - This budget has been utilized to fund expenses related to Helene that include costs from the initial response, ongoing staff expenses, and the contract with Hagerty Consulting.
    - Spending authority from these prior Helene-related budget amendments is nearing full utilization, so additional budget is needed in order to meet State Statute requirements related to pre-audits and budget authorizations
    - Staff is recommending that Council amend the Helene budget by $5.1M to fund upcoming expenses such as a temporary Bridge for Gashes Greek and a recent obligation for vehicle and equipment repairs and replacements.
    - Staff is also requesting a budget amendment to appropriate $2.1M in insurance recovery funds that have already been received in our insurance internal service fund so that we can transfer that cash to the Capital Projects Fund where expenses are being recorded for Helene projects.