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:** April 9, 2026

2. **Primary contact person and Department requesting agenda item:** Brenna Cook, Water Resources

3. **Requested Council meeting date:** April 28, 2026

4. **Subject:** Amendment to Lead Service Line Inventory Predictive Modeling Investigations Contract # 92600338

5. **Action Requested:** Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend current contract # 92600338 with Chonzie, Inc. for predictive modeling service line inventory with the Water Resources Department from $140,200.00 to $148,982.04.

6. **Note if time sensitive, and why:** Yes. Project on hold until the amendment is approved.

7. **Potential fiscal impact(s) - if known by staff at time of request:** Funding for amended amount is $8,728.04. This has been budgeted for the contract and is available in the Water Resources Capital Projects Fund.

8. **Identify all vendor outreach for Minority & Women Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE).**
    - Vendor outreach was performed during the original outreach process and it followed the City of Asheville Vendor outreach requirements.
    - A search for utilities contractors was performed on the city's vendor list, NCDOT DBE list and NC HUB lists. All vendors were emailed from the list.
    - The Informal Construction Bid was posted on the City website and NC DOA HUB websites.
    - The cost of the amendment remains below the next lowest responsible bid received during the outreach process.

9. **Identify all Boards, Commissions and Council Committees with tentative dates - add in the vote and recommendation from each Board:** NA

10. **Identify key issues:**
    - Water Resources is required to build a water service line inventory per US EPA & NC Department of Environment Quality (NCDEQ) regulations.
    - Water Resources service line inventory currently has approximately 37,000 service lines classified as unknown sites, which must be determined by October 2027.
    - Water Resources is currently under contract with VODA.ai to provide predictive modeling services to help meet the service line inventory deadline requirements.
    - Currently the predictive modeling process requires 385 locations to be investigated to supply the predictive modeling software data to determine next steps in the inventory process.
    - Chonzie, Inc. was selected to perform the service line inspections required for the project after Water Resources performed the Informal Construction Bid process.
    - Due to a 53% increase in fuel prices since the bidding process, a fuel surcharge is being added to the contract.
    - The contractor will be required to provide fuel receipts to track cost during the project.