City Council Staff Report

Council Meeting Date

- April 28, 2026

Subject

- North Fork Dam Tropical Storm Helene Repairs

Staff Resource(s)

- Leslie Carreiro, Water Resources Assistant Director

Action Requested

- Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Morgan Corporation for the North Fork Dam Tropical Helene Repairs; and the associated budget amendment, in the amount of $994,849.

Background

- On September 27, 2024 Tropical Storm Helene and associated flooding activated the auxiliary spillway at the North Fork Water Treatment Plant.
- In order to pass a larger volume of raw water into the auxiliary spillway activation (sacrifice) of Fusegate P4 was required.
- The Auxiliary spillway operated as designed and reduced the reservoir to a safe level protecting the community, Burnette Reservoir and Dam.
- This project will replace the P4 Fusegate in the North Fork Auxiliary spillway, and repair other Helene associated damages to both the Auxiliary and Primary spillway structures.

Vendor Outreach Efforts:

- Staff performed outreach through a competitive bid process which included posting on the State's Interactive Purchasing System and requiring prime contractors to perform outreach to subcontractors in accordance with applicable purchasing policies. The lowest, responsive, responsible bidder was Morgan Corporation, from Duncan, South Carolina, at the amount of $865,086.00.
- The following bids were received:
    - Morgan Corporation $865,086.00
    - Zachary Construction Corporation $1,350,000.00
    - Crowder Construction $2,434,705.00

Council Vision 2036 Focus Area(s):

- Clean, safe and healthy environment

Council Priority Recovery Area(s):

- Infrastructure & Environment

Committee(s): n/a

Pro(s)

- The project returns the auxiliary spillway and other associated assets to their original design and full usefulness.
- The replacement of the Fusegate will help return water storage to its normal levels.

Con(s)

- None

Fiscal Impact

- The contract is $865,086 with a 15% contingency of $129,763, for a total of $994,849. The project is expected to be fully reimbursed through a combination of FEMA Public Assistance (90%) and state funds (10%).

Suggested Motion

- Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Morgan Corporation for the North Fork Dam Tropical Storm Helene Repairs at cost of $865,086 with a 15% contingency of $129,763 totaling $994,849; and the associated budget amendment, in the amount of $994,849.

Attachment(s)

- Resolution
- Budget Amendment

City of Asheville Resolution Number 26-___

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a construction contract with Morgan Corporation for work associated with the North Fork Dam Tropical Storm Helene Repairs

Whereas, pursuant to N.C.G.S. secs. 160A-20.1, 160A-311, and 160A-312, the City may contract for the operation of water supply and distribution systems; and

Whereas, in late September 2024, the City of Asheville experienced unprecedented rainfall both from Tropical Storm Helene and a predecessor heavy rain event; and

Whereas, a state of emergency covering the City of Asheville was declared on September 25th, 2024 in relation to Tropical Storm Helene; and

Whereas, repairs to the North Fork Auxiliary Spillway, and associated assets are necessary to return full functionality to the spillways; and

Whereas, the project will replace the P4 Fusegate in the North Fork Auxiliary spillway, and repair other Helene associated damages to both the Auxiliary and Primary spillway structures; and

Whereas, pursuant to N.C.G.S. sec. 143-129, the City conducted a competitive bidding process and Morgan Corporation submitted the lowest responsive responsible bid; and

Whereas, the construction contract with Morgan Corporation, in the amount of $865,086 with a contingency of $129,763 for a total amount of $994,849;

Now, Therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Asheville that:

The City Manager is authorized to enter into a construction contract with Morgan Corporation for work associated with the North Fork Dam Hurricane Helene Repairs for a contracted cost of $865,086 with a 15% contingency cost of $129,763 totaling $994,849.

Read, approved and adopted this 28th day of April, 2026.

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Esther E. Manheimer, Mayor

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Brad Branham, City Attorney

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Magdalen Burleson, City Clerk

City of Asheville Budget Amendment Ordinance Number ____

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Asheville:

That Section 2 of the City of Asheville Annual Operating Budget Ordinance be amended to provide an appropriation of $994,849 in the Water Capital Projects Fund for North Fork Dam Tropical Storm Helene Repairs. Funds are anticipated to be reimbursed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the State of North Carolina:

Water Capital Projects Fund

Revenues:

Fed Revenue Distribution - Federal Emergency Management Agency - $895,364
State Revenue Distribution - Federal Emergency Management Agency $99,485

Total Revenues: $994,849

Expenditures:

North Fork Dam Tropical Storm Helene Repairs - $994,849

That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon the date of final passage.

Read, approved and adopted this 28th day of April, 2026.

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