City Council Agenda Item Request

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No later than 30 days before proposed Council meeting

1. **Date submitted to Clerk's Office:** April 6, 2026

2. **Primary contact person and Department requesting agenda item:** Chad Pierce, Water Resources

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

4. **Subject:** Contract Amendment for North Fork Transmission Main No. 3 - Professional Services Contract.

5. **Action Requested:** Consideration of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend the professional services contract with Ardurra Group, Inc. to provide engineering services for North Fork Transmission Main No 3 Project

6. **Note if time sensitive, and why:** Yes item is time sensitive due to the need to expedite the proposed budget amendment to maintain project schedule so Federal Funding deadlines can be met.

7. **Potential fiscal impact(s) - if known by staff at time of request:** To advance the project design in preparation of the next submittal requirement, Water Resources Department will increase the value of this contract from $268,000 to $5,878,850.00 by utilizing the recently approved funding from N.C. Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) State Revolving Fund.

8. **Identify all vendor outreach for Minority & Women Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE).** No vendor outreach was performed as this is for adjustments to an existing professional services contract.

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 existing professional services contract provides engineering design services for the proposed North Fork Transmission Main No 3 Project, which includes approximately 30,000 linear feet of new Water Transmission Main and all associated infrastructure and appurtenances from North Fork Water Treatment Plant.
    - In the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, it was determined that a new transmission main from the City's primary water treatment plant is needed and it must be routed at a higher elevation further away from a restricted river corridor to reduce vulnerabilities to future flooding events. This proposed mitigation project is intended to meet those goals.
    - In August of 2025, Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract with the engineering consulting firm Ardurra for professional services for the North Fork Transmission Main No. 3 project.
    - In order to advance the contract and begin work on the preliminary design requirements, the Water Resources Department initially funded the contract with

$268,000 from the City of Asheville Water Resources Department Capital Improvement Project budget, while additional funding sources were being sought.

- Now a contract amendment is needed to increase the value of the existing professional services contract and to develop the water transmission main design to a 60% threshold for the next submittal requirement in the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program process.