



# MEDINA, WASHINGTON

## AGENDA BILL

Wednesday November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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**Subject:** 2025 Budget Amendments

**Category:** Ordinance/City Council Business

**Purpose:** Provide Recap, and Lead Discussion on Potential Amendments

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### **Summary**

The purpose for recommending 2025 Budget Amendments is to document budget changes that occurred after the 2025 Budget was adopted on November 12, 2024. Except items of an accounting “housekeeping” nature, some of these have been noted in Council’s monthly financial reports throughout the year as they occurred. As per our practice, these changes are gathered under one ordinance for passage towards the end of the budget year. These recommended changes are as follows:

### **Items Approved by Council**

1) City Manager Recruitment - \$52,813.63.

In January of this year, City Manager Burns announced his retirement after over 10 years working for the City of Medina. The City has signed a contract with the recruiting firm GMP Consultants, totaling \$19,500. With advertising, background and travel costs, the total expense was **\$25,156.13**. An additional **\$27,657.50** has been spent through June to our City Attorney’s office for the recruitment process.

2) City Manager Cashout - \$45,962.36

Per Medina policy, found within the Employee Handbook, the City Manager was cashed out on all unused vacation time upon departure. After 10 years of service with the City, the City Manager was also eligible for a cashout of 25% of all accrued sick time up to 180 hours.

Vacation 319.98 Hours - \$31,028.81

Sick 616 Hours (Paid out at 25%) - \$14,933.55

3) Interim City Manager Contract - \$61,555.48

At the first April meeting of 2025, the Council announced an agreement with Exigy Consulting to bring Jeff Swanson on as the interim City Manager. From the period of April 14<sup>th</sup> - July 20<sup>th</sup>,

Medina operated under the interim City Manager until the conclusion of the recruitment process, in which the Interim title was removed, and Mr. Swanson was hired. Over this time, the city paid Exigy Consulting **\$61, 555.48.**

4) Teamsters CBA Contract - \$25K Estimate

The Teamsters collective bargaining agreements for the Clerical and Public Works Unions were approved by the Council during the March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. The estimated cost increase over the 2025 budget is \$25K. While the negotiated increase to salary and longevity are set, the "estimate" comes from potential budget impacts to overtime and on call rates.

**How will Medina cover these costs?**

The proposed amendments above have a combined cost to the 2025 General Fund of \$185,331.47.

To offset these adjustments, the city could utilize two revenue sources that have exceeded budget projections in 2025.

- 1) Investment Interest Earnings
  - a. Through October, revenue has exceeded budget by \$142,724.34.
  - b. A conservative projection for 2025, the FFR has started to be cut with back-to-back 25 basis point reduction in September and October. Later than projected for the 2025 budget cycle.
- 2) Utility and Franchise Fees
  - a. Through October, revenue has exceeded budget by \$240,291.75.
  - b. With rising utility costs across the board, these revenue line items have been adjusted in 2026 to fall more in line with expected actuals.

**Recommendation:** Discussion and feedback, to be brought back in December for approval.

**City Manager Approval:**



**Proposed Council Motion:** N/A

**Attachments:** 2025 Updated Salary Schedule (Post Teamsters Union Contract Approval)

Time Estimate: 15 minutes