

Medford City Council Medford, Massachusetts

Committee of the Whole, May 6, 2025

City Council

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This meeting will take place at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, Medford City Hall, 85 George P. Hassett Drive, Medford, MA and via Zoom.

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CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

25-039 - Annual Budget Process for FY2026 - Preliminary Budget Meeting #3

PAPERS IN COMMITTEE

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Adjournment



Medford City Council Medford, Massachusetts

MEETING DATE

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May 6, 2025

Isaac Bears, Council President

AGENDA ITEM

25-039 - Annual Budget Process for FY2026 - Preliminary Budget Meeting #3

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

This will be the first preliminary budget meeting of the FY26 Budget Process. The Mayor has communicated that the following departments will be present:

- Board of Health / Civil Defense
- Elections
- Executive
- Facilities
- IT
- Law

Be it Resolved by the Medford City Council that the Council President requests City Councilors submit individual budget recommendations to the City Clerk by Thursday, March 13, 2025 for consideration in a Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 6PM.

Be it Further Resolved that, based on Budget Ordinance and discussions with the administration, the City Council and City Administration will follow the following budget schedule for the FY2026 City Budget:

- By March 13, 2025 City Councilors Submit Individual Budget Recommendations for Consideration in Committee of the Whole
- March 18, 2025 at 6PM City Council Committee of the Whole Meeting to Discuss Council Budget Recommendations
- March 19, 2025 at 6PM Joint Meeting of the City Council and School Committee to Receive a Financial Update and Discuss the FY26 Budget Process

- Tuesday, March 25, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting to Submit Collective Budget Recommendation to the Mayor
- From April 15th, 2025 to May 21st, 2025 City Council Holds Preliminary Budget Meetings with Department Heads
- By Friday, May 31st, 2025 Mayor Submits Comprehensive Budget Proposal to the City Council

Be it Further Resolved that the Updated Schedule of Preliminary Budget Meetings in Committee of the Whole is as follows:

- Tuesday, April 29th, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.
- Wednesday, April 30th, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.
- Tuesday, May 6th, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.
- Tuesday, May 20th, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.
- Wednesday, May 21st, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

- I. Board of Health Budget 2026
- 2. Civil Defense 2026
- 3. Elections Budget 2026
- 4. Executive Budget 2026
- 5. Facilities Budget 2026
- 6. Information Technology Budget 2026
- 7. Law Budget 2026

Dept. 510/519 Board of Health & Animal Control							
Departmental Budget							
		FY	25 Budgeted	F١	/25 Actuals as of 3/31/25	ı	Y26 Proposed
<u>Per</u>	<u>sonnel</u>						
010-510-5110	Permanent Employees	\$	715,728.00	\$	500,453.00	\$	842,629.00
010-510-5125	Board Stipend	\$	1,800.00	\$	-	\$	1,800.00
010-510-5150-1116	Travel	\$	15,000.00	\$	10,500.00	\$	15,000.00
010-510-5150-1111	Longevity	\$	3,450.00	\$	5,200.00	\$	3,450.00
010-510-5135	Stipends	\$	4,500.00	\$	4,333.00	\$	4,500.00
Person	nel Totals:	\$	740,478.00	\$	520,486.00	\$	867,379.00
<u>Ordinar</u>	<u>y Expenses</u>						
010-510-5306	Prof. Services	\$	8,000.00	\$	4,792.00	\$	8,000.00
010-510-5340	Telephone	\$	5,000.00	\$	3,029.00	\$	5,000.00
010-510-5380	Other Services	\$	6,500.00	\$	9,900.00	\$	6,000.00
010-510-5420	Office Supplies	\$	12,000.00	\$	11,178.00	\$	12,000.00
010-510-5500	Medicine& Medical Supplies	\$	500.00	\$	103.00	\$	500.00
010-510-5551	Health Clothing Reim.	\$	350.00	\$	-	\$	350.00
010-510-5710	Dues, Conference	\$	500.00	\$	455.00	\$	600.00
010-510-5730	Publications, Subscriptions	\$	250.00	\$	-	\$	250.00
010-510-5740	Health Insurance	\$	150.00	\$	-	\$	150.00
010-519-5310	Mosquito Control Services	\$	36,000.00	\$	42,156.00	\$	27,600.00
010-519	Canine Expenses	\$	-	\$	-	\$	25,000.00
010-519-5380	Canine Repairs & Maint.	\$	500.00	\$	-	\$	2,000.00
010-519-5551	Canine Clothing Reim.	\$	250.00	\$	-	\$	250.00
010-519-5589	Canine Supplies	\$	500.00	\$	350.00	\$	500.00
Expen	se Totals:	\$	70,500.00	\$	71,963.00	\$	88,200.00
Departme	ental Totals:	\$	810,978.00	\$	592,449.00	\$	955,579.00

FY25 to FY Dollar Chan		FY25 to FY26 Percent Change
\$ 126,90	1.00	18%
\$	-	0%
\$	-	0%
\$	-	0%
\$	-	0%
\$ 126,90	1.00	17%
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\$ 25,00	_	#DIV/0!
\$ 1,50	0.00	300%
\$	-	0%
\$	-	0%
\$ 17,70	0.00	25%
\$ 144,60	1.00	18%

		Perso	onnel Services Summary	
	# of Positions	Amount	# of Positions	Amount
Director of Health	1	129,298.00	1	131,880.00
Principal Clerk	1	58,610.00	1	60,075.00
Administrative Support	1	46,025.00	1	48,254.00
Sanitarians	3	221,641.00	3	237,573.00
Nurse	1	95,644.00	1	105,084.00
Animal Control Officer	1	68,344.00	1	69,709.00
Health Equity Coordinator *	1	16,383.64	1	16,711.00
Community Social Worker	1	76,423.00	1	84,393.00
Prevention/ Outreach Coor.	1	80,640.00	1	88,950.00
Dept. Totals	11	793,008.64	11	842,629.00

Change FY25 - FY26	% Change FY25 - FY26
2,582.00	2.00%
1,465.00	2.50%
2,229.00	4.84%
15,932.00	7.19%
9,440.00	9.87%
1,365.00	2.00%
327.36	2.00%
7,970.00	10.43%
8,310.00	10.31%
49,620.36	6.26%

^{*} Fully funded by other sources in FY25. Partially funded by other sources in FY26.

	Net increase/(decrease)	144,601.00
FY26		955,579.00
FY25		810,978.00

Fixed Cost Growth				
Account Number	Account Name		Total Cost	Explanation
				2 positions that were 50% ARPA are being trued up in the GF, as well as, COLA increases and step
010-510-5110	Permanent Employees	\$	126,901.00	increases Mosquito Control services increased by 4% for FY26, contract with the state. Also, Kennel services have increased with more dogs being held each
010-519-5310	Mosquito Control Services & Kennel services	\$	16,600.00	year

Dept. 291 I Civil Defense							
		Departn	nent Totals				
		FY2	25 Budgeted	FY	25 Actuals as of 3/31/25	FY	26 Proposed
	<u>Personnel</u>						
	Stipend- Staff	\$	840.00	\$	630.00	\$	840.00
	Stipends- Comm	\$	8,000.00	\$	6,000.00	\$	8,000.00
	Personnel Total	\$	8,840.00	\$	6,630.00	\$	8,840.00
	<u>Ordinary</u>						
010-291-5243	Repair/Maint- Comm Equip.	\$	-	\$	-	\$	200.00
010-291-5550	Pub Safety Supplies	\$	250.00	\$	-	\$	400.00
010-291-5710	Dues, Confrences, Travel	\$	300.00	\$	-	\$	400.00
	Ordinary Total		550.00	\$	-	\$	1,000.00
D	<u>epartment Totals</u>	\$	9,390.00	\$	6,630.00	\$	9,840.00

Dept. 163 Elections						
	Depa	artm	ental Budge	et		
Pers	sonel Budget	FY	25 Budgeted	F`	Y25 Actuals as of 3/31/25	FY26 Proposed
010-163-5110	Salaries F/T	\$	145,825.00	\$	101,205.00	\$ 146,222.00
010-163-5111	Salaries P/T	\$	24,530.00	\$	20,551.00	\$ 24,365.00
010-163-5121	Seasonal Salaries	\$	60,000.00	\$	58,855.00	\$ 60,000.00
010-163-5125	Stipends: Elections (emp.&Brd)	\$	5,000.00	\$	2,292.00	\$ 5,000.00
010-163-5130	OT Elections	\$	-	\$	49,263.00	\$ -
010-163-5130-1103	OT Clerical	\$	2,000.00	\$	-	\$ 2,000.00
010-163-5130	OT - Prof/Tech	\$	-	\$	368.00	\$ -
010-163-5150-1111	Fringe - Longevity	\$	1,300.00	\$	2,200.00	\$ 1,300.00
010-163-5150	Fringe - Travel	\$	100.00	\$	-	\$ -
010-163-5150-1115	Fringe - Sick Leave Inc	\$	1,525.00	\$	-	\$ 1,525.00
Per	sonel Totals:	\$	240,280.00	\$	234,734.00	\$ 240,412.00
<u>Ordir</u>	nary Expenses					
010-163-5305	Prof SVCS - Training	\$	-	\$	25.00	\$ -
010-163-5306	Prof SVCS - Data Processing	\$	17,480.00	\$	13,526.00	\$ 62,480.00
010-163-5380	Prep of Voting Machines	\$	20,200.00	\$	21,000.00	\$ 26,000.00
010-163-5383	City Census	\$	33,375.00	\$	26,979.00	\$ 40,000.00
010-163-5420	Office Supplies	\$	6,300.00	\$	3,757.00	\$ 6,300.00
010-163-5580	Other Supplies - Water Cooler	\$	300.00	\$	269.00	\$ 300.00
010-163-5589	Other Supplies	\$	5,000.00	\$	3,946.00	\$ 5,000.00
010-163-5710	Professional Development	\$	2,000.00	\$	185.00	\$ 2,000.00
010-163-5780	Contingency	\$	2,500.00	\$	-	\$ 2,500.00
	ense Totals:	\$	87,155.00	\$	69,687.00	\$ 144,580.00
Depa	ertment Totals:	\$	327,435.00	\$	304,421.00	\$ 384,992.00

FY25 to FY26	FY25 to FY26
Dollar Change	Percent Change
\$ 397.00	0%
\$ (165.00)	-1%
\$ -	0%
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\$ -	0%
\$ (100.00)	-100%
\$ -	0%
\$ 132.00	0%
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\$ 45,000.00	257%
\$ 5,800.00	29%
\$ 6,625.00	20%
\$ -	0%
\$ 57,425.00	66%
\$ 57,557.00	18%

		P	Personnel Services Summary	
	FY25 Propose	ed	FY26 Propo	osed
Position Title	# of Positions	Amount	# of Positions	Amount
Elections Manager	1	82,731.00	1	82,251.00
Head Clerk	1	63,094.00	1	63,971.00
Principal Clerk - Part time	0.5	24,530.00	0.5	24,365.00
Dept. Totals	2.5	170,355.00	2.5	170,587.00

Change FY25 - FY26	% Change FY25 - FY26
(480.00)	-0.58%
877.00	1.39%
(165.00)	-0.67%
232.00	0.14%

Net increase/(decrease)	57,557.00
FY26	384,992.00
FY25	327,435.00

Fixed Cost Growth								
Account Number	Account Name	T	otal Cost	Explanation				
010-163-5380	Prep of Voting Machines	\$	5,800.00	Increase in maintenance and annual contracts for all voting equipment				
010-163-5383	City Census	\$	6,625.00	Increase in postage and printing costs for census and confirmation cards				

New Expenses							
Account Number	Account Name	То	tal Cost	Explanation			
				2025 is a municipal election year so the			
				City will be responsible for the ordering			
				of ballots for both the Primary and			
010-163-5306	Prof SVCS - Data Processing	\$	45,000.00	General elections			

Dept. 102 Executive							
Departmental Budget							
		F	Y25 Budgeted	FY25 Actuals as of 3/31/25		FY26 Proposed	
<u>Pers</u>	<u>sonnel</u>						
010-102-5110	Permanent Employees	\$	518,674.00	\$ 391,358.00	\$	554,272.00	
010-102-5121	Part-Time Employees	\$	13,000.00	\$	\$	5,000.00	
010-102-5150-1116	Travel	\$	3,016.00	\$ 2,204.00	\$	3,016.00	
	Longevity	\$	2,850.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$	2,850.00	
010-102-5135	Stipends	\$	19,580.00	\$ 831.00	\$	7,100.00	
Personr	Personnel Totals:		557,120.00	\$ 396,293.00	\$	572,238.00	
<u>Ordinary</u>	<u>Expenses</u>						
010-102-5302	Professional Services	\$	5,000.00	\$ 2,575.00	\$	5,000.00	
010-102-5309	See-Click-Fix	\$	6,500.00	\$ 6,668.00	\$	7,500.00	
010-102-5340	Communication- Telephone	\$	4,000.00	\$	\$	4,000.00	
010-102-5341	Executive Advertisements	\$	750.00	\$ -	\$	750.00	
010-102-5350	Medford Arts Council	\$	60,000.00	\$ -	\$	60,000.00	
010-102-5420	Office Supplies	\$	3,000.00	\$ 2,414.00	\$	3,000.00	
010-102-5580	Water	\$	400.00	\$ 400.00	\$	400.00	
010-102-5710	Conf & Muni membership dues	\$	31,000.00	\$ 14,405.00	\$	31,500.00	
010-102-5780	Contingency	\$	5,500.00	\$ 2,017.00	\$	6,000.00	
Expens	se Totals:	\$	116,150.00	\$ 28,479.00	\$	118,150.00	
Departme	ental Totals:	\$	673,270.00	\$ 424,772.00	\$	690,388.00	

FY25 to FY26 Dollar Change	FY25 to FY26 Percent Change
\$ 35,598.00	7%
\$ (8,000.00)	-62%
\$	0%
\$	0%
\$ (12,480.00)	-64%
\$ 15,118.00	3%
\$	0%
\$ 1,000.00	15%
\$	0%
\$ •	0%
\$	0%
\$ -	0%
\$ -	0%
\$ 500.00	2%
\$ 500.00	9%
\$ 2,000.00	2%
\$ 17,118.00	3%

	Personnel Services Summary				
	FY25 Budg	et	FY26 Pro	posed	
Position Title	# of Positions	Amount	# of Positions	Amount	
Mayor	1	135,930.00	1	140,035.00	
Chief of Staff	1	140,967.00	1	147,113.00	
Director of Communications *	1	95,539.00	1	101,342.00	
Director of Comm. Affairs	1	95,602.00	1	97,511.00	
Executive Assistant	1	60,191.00	1	62,112.00	
Special Projects Coordinator **	0.43	26,000.00	0	-	
Communications Specialist *	1	76,056.00	1	81,316.00	
Dept. Totals	6.43	630,285.00	6	629,429.00	

Change FY25 - FY26	% Change FY25 - FY26
4,105.00	3.02%
6,146.00	4.36%
5,803.00	6.07%
1,909.00	2.00%
1,921.00	3.19%
(26,000.00)	-100.00%
5,260.00	6.92%
(856.00)	-0.14%

^{*} Funded partially through other sources in both FYs.

^{**} Funded partially through other sources in FY25.

Net increase/(decrease)	17.118.00
FY26	690,388.00
FY25	673,270.00

Fixed Cost Growth								
Account Number	Account Name		Total Cost	Explanation				
040 400 5200	Personnel Lines	\$		Communications Specialist position needs to shift partially to City and COLA increases and step increases Increase in See-Click-Fix contract				
010-102-5309	See-Click-Fix	\$,	General inflation cost increases for costs				
010-102-5780 010-102-5710	Contingency Conf & Muni membership dues	\$ \$	500.00	pertaining to events Increase in MMA membership dues				

Dept.410 FACILITIES								
	Departmental Budget							
		FY	25 Budgeted	FY25 /	Actuals as of 3/31/25	F۱	Y26 Proposed	
<u>Pe</u>	<u>rsonnel</u>							
010-410-5110	Permanent Employees	\$	113,647.00	\$	82,454.00	\$	115,893.00	
Persor	nnel Totals:	\$	113,647.00	\$	82,454.00	\$	115,893.00	
<u>Ordina</u>	y Expenses							
010-410-5202	Contracted Services	\$	124,000.00	\$	65,314.00	\$	124,000.00	
010-410-5210	Heating Fuel	\$	117,200.00	\$	95,300.00	\$	125,000.00	
010-410-5230	Utilities	\$	770,000.00	\$	765,581.00	\$	800,000.00	
010-410-5255	Building Repair	\$	648,800.00	\$	693,393.00	\$	700,000.00	
010-410-5380	Fire Alarm Systems	\$	3,500.00	\$	-	\$	3,500.00	
010-410-5450	Janitorial Supplies	\$	61,598.00	\$	35,200.00	\$	65,000.00	
Exper	Expense Totals:		1,725,098.00	\$	1,654,788.00	\$	1,817,500.00	
Departm	Departmental Totals:		1,838,745.00	\$	1,737,242.00	\$	1,933,393.00	

Personnel Services Summary					
	FY25 Proposed FY26 Proposed				
Position Title	# of Positions	Amount	# of Positions	Amount	
Facilities Director	1	113,647.00	1	115,893.00	
Dept. Totals	1	113,647.00	1	115,893.00	

FY25	1,838,745.00
FY26	1,933,393.00

Net increase/(decrease) 94,648.00

Fixed Cost Growth						
Account Number	Account Name	Т	otal Cost	Explanation		
010-410-5110	Permanent Employees	\$	2,246.00	COLA increase		
010-410-5210	Heating Fuel	\$	7,800.00	Increase in supplier costs		
010-410-5230	Utilities	\$	30,000.00	Increase in supplier costs		
010-410-5255	Building Repair	\$	51,200.00	Increase in required contracts for HVAC and cleani		
010-410-5450	Janitorial Supplies	\$	3,402.00	Increase in supplier costs		

	Dept 155 I INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY						
	Depart	mer	ntal Budget				
		FY	25 Budgeted	F`	Y25 Actuals as of 3/31/25	F	Y26 Proposed
	Personnel						
010-155-5110	Permanent Employees	\$	119,746.00	\$	86,897.00	\$	122,137.00
Per	Personnel Totals:		119,746.00	\$	86,897.00	\$	122,137.00
<u>Ordi</u>	Ordinary Expenses						
010-155-5306	Prof Services - Data Processing	\$	68,000.00	\$	29,469.00	\$	18,000.00
010-155-5340	Communications - Telephone	\$	7,000.00	\$	7,304.00	\$	7,000.00
010-155-5420	Office Supplies	\$	4,000.00	\$	4,000.00	\$	4,000.00
010-155-5710	Travel	\$	-	\$	-	\$	500.00
010-155-5855	Computer Equipment	\$	60,700.00	\$	8,084.00	\$	60,700.00
010-155-5856	Communication Applications	\$	97,920.00	\$	56,343.00	\$	147,920.00
Ex	Expense Totals:		237,620.00	\$	105,200.00	\$	238,120.00
Depa	rtmental Totals:	\$	357,366.00	\$	192,097.00	\$	360,257.00

 ′25 to FY26 llar Change	FY25 to FY26 Percent Change
\$ 2,391.00	2%
\$ 2,391.00	2%
\$ (50,000.00)	-74%
\$ -	0%
\$ -	0%
\$ 500.00	#DIV/0!
\$ -	0%
\$ 50,000.00	51%
\$ 500.00	0%
\$ 2,891.00	1%

	Personnel Services Summary					
	FY25 Budgeted	ed				
Position Title	# of Positions	Amount	# of Positions	Amount		
Information Tech. Director	1	119,746.00	1	122,137.00		
Dept. Totals	1	119,746.00	1	122,137.00		

Change FY25 - FY26	% Change FY25 - FY26
2,391.00	2.00%
2,391.00	2.00%

Net increase/(decrease)	2,891.00
FY26	360,257.00
FY25	357,366.00

Fixed Cost Growth							
Account Number	Account Name		То	tal Cost		Explanation	
010-155-5110	Permanent Employees	\$;	2,391.00	COLA increase		

New Expenses					
Account Number	Account Name	Tot	al Cost	Explanation	
010-155-5710	Travel	\$	500.00	Travel reimbursement for personal car around the	he Cit

Dept. 151 Law						
	Departmen	tal B	Budget			
Personnel Exp	<u>enses</u>	FY:	25 Budgeted	FY	Y25 Actuals as of 3/31/25	FY26 Proposed
010-151-5110	Permanent Employees	\$	229,861.00	\$	54,122.00	\$ 225,053.00
010-151-5150-1111	Longevity	\$	1,750.00	\$	1,750.00	\$ 1,750.00
010-151-5150-1115	Sick Leave Incentive	\$	1,525.00	\$	1,525.00	\$ 1,525.00
010-151-5135-1134/010-151-5135-1135	Stipends	\$	8,500.00	\$	1,710.00	\$ 8,500.00
Personnel Totals:			241,636.00	\$	59,107.00	\$ 236,828.00
Ordinary Expe	Ordinary Expenses					
010-151-5240	Repair & Maint Office Equip	\$	3,200.00	\$	2,743.00	\$ 3,200.00
010-151-5302	Prof Services Legal	\$	138,000.00	\$	138,000.00	\$ 138,000.00
010-151-5342	Printing of Briefs	\$	1,600.00	\$	194.00	\$ 1,600.00
010-151-5420	Office Supplies	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,116.00	\$ 1,500.00
010-151-5710	Confrence Dues	\$	600.00	\$	-	\$ 600.00
010-151-5730	Publications	\$	8,500.00	\$	636.00	\$ 8,500.00
010-151-5761	Claims Under \$2500	\$	50,000.00	\$	60,476.00	\$ 50,000.00
010-151-5762	Claims Over \$2500	\$	75,000.00	\$	64,835.00	\$ 75,000.00
010-151-5763 Claims		\$	10,000.00	\$	7,876.00	\$ 10,000.00
Expense Total	Expense Totals:			\$	275,876.00	\$ 288,400.00
<u>Department T</u>	<u>otals</u>	\$	530,036.00	\$	334,983.00	\$ 525,228.00

 25 to FY26	FY25 to FY26
lar Change	Percent Change
\$ (4,808.00)	-2%
\$ -	0%
\$ -	0%
\$ <u>-</u>	0%
\$ (4,808.00)	-2%
\$ -	0%
\$ -	0%
\$ 	0%
\$ -	0%
\$ (4,808.00)	-1%

	Personnel Services Summary						
Full time	FY25 Budgete	d	FY26 Propo	osed			
Position Title	# of Positions	Amount	# of Positions	Amount			
City Solicitor	1	159,299.00	1	152,727.00			
Office Manager	1	70,562.00	1	72,326.00			
Dept. Totals	2	229,861.00	2	225,053.00			

Change FY25 - FY26	% Change FY25 - FY26
(6,572.00)	-4.13%
1,764.00	2.50%
(4,808.00)	-2.09%