



CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Information and updates for the Mayor and City Council

June 23, 2026

Upcoming Events & Meetings

Meeting/Event	Date	Time	Location
City Council Work Session	June 24, 2026	4–6 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers/Virtual
Joint Tribal Council/City Council Meeting	June 30, 2026	11 a.m.–12 p.m.	1233 Veterans St, Warm Springs, OR 97761
<i>Summer Break – no meeting July 1 and July 8</i>			
City Council Business Meeting	July 15, 2026	6 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers/Virtual
City Council Work Session	July 22, 2026	4–6 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers/Virtual

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Public Agency & Community Partner Updates

League of Oregon Cities Bulletin

The latest edition of the **LOC Bulletin** highlights:

- **Regional League of Oregon City Meetings:** LOC regional meetings Tigard, Redmond, and Burns conclude June 30.
- **Urban Growth Boundary Survey:** The LOC is seeking input from cities on experiences with urban growth boundary expansions and comprehensive plan amendments. The survey will inform research ahead of the 2027 legislative session. Deadline: June 30
- **Strategic Planning Workshop:** The League of Oregon Cities invites members to participate in a July 22 virtual training on crafting strategic plans and long-term visions.



Downtown Business Association Survey on Paid Parking

The City encourages community members, employees, visitors and elected officials to participate in the Downtown Bend Business Association's Parking Survey.

Your input will help inform future parking strategies and ensure downtown policies reflect the needs of businesses, workers, and the broader community. The **survey** is quick to complete and provides an important opportunity to share your perspective on parking in Downtown Bend.

For more information, including the draft parking plan and an informational video, please visit the Downtown Bend Business Association's **website**.

Governor Declares Statewide Wildfire Emergency

Governor Tina Kotek has issued **Executive Order 26-10** declaring a statewide emergency due to imminent wildfire threat across Oregon. Forecasted warm and dry conditions are expected to increase the risk of wildfire, smoke, and extreme heat throughout the state this season.

While the State Emergency Coordination Center remains at normal operations (Level 4), the order authorizes state agencies to take proactive measures to protect life, property, and critical infrastructure. This includes mobilization of firefighting resources by the Oregon Department of State Fire Marshal, wildfire response actions by the Oregon Department of Forestry, and potential deployment of the Oregon National Guard under Operation Plan Smokey 2026.

Local and tribal governments may request state assistance through their county or tribal governing bodies via the Oregon Department of Emergency Management.

Oregon Transportation Vision Effort Moves Forward

The Rebuilding Our Transportation Vision Workgroup is outlining Oregon's long-term transportation needs, funding challenges, and policy priorities. Convened by the governor, this effort is intended to inform development of a comprehensive transportation package for consideration during the 2027 legislative session and beyond.

Councilors are encouraged to review the workgroup's **Rebuilding Our Transportation Vision** presentation delivered to the House Transportation Committee on June 15, 2026, for an overview of key issues, tradeoffs, and potential funding scenarios under consideration.

Nexus Health Strategic Plan Update

Councilors are encouraged to review presentation slides from Nexus Health Strategies titled **Central Oregon Strategic Planning Framework: Housing & Homelessness System Transformation**. The slides were presented at last week's Business Roundtable meeting and



reflect the current draft framework for the strategic plan. The plan remains in development as Nexus continues to gather partner feedback, particularly on proposed initiatives.

Department Updates

Pilot “Asphalt Art” Traffic Calming Treatment Installed

The City has installed its first “asphalt art” treatment as part of a quick-build curb extension project at Hawthorne and 5th. While the intersection remains a work in progress with only one of three corners completed, this initial installation offers a preview of a new approach to enhancing safety and visibility at key locations.

Asphalt art has been shown to reduce vehicle speeds and improve driver yielding behavior, making it a promising addition to the City’s traffic calming toolkit. Although a recent grant application to support larger installations (with local artists and community input) along bikeway routes was not successful, staff identified an opportunity to pilot the treatment at a smaller scale using existing resources.



City Transportation and Maintenance crews installed the thermoplastic design, at an approximate cost of \$40 per square foot, in just a few hours, demonstrating the efficiency and flexibility of this approach.

Next Steps for Old Bend and Miller’s Run Parking Management

Councilors are asked to review a **memo** from David Abbas, Director of the Transportation & Mobility Department, providing an update on the proposed East Old Bend Parking Benefit District and Miller’s Run Parking District.

The memo outlines ongoing parking challenges, the boundaries for the proposed districts, summarizes stakeholder meetings on the draft Parking Management Plans (with the Old Bend Neighborhood District Parking Committee, Old Bend Neighborhood Association members, the Landmarks Commission, and City staff), and notes progress toward filling the City’s Parking Manager position.



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