

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Information and updates for the Mayor and City Council

July 17, 2026

Upcoming Events & Meetings

Meeting/Event	Date	Time	Location
City Council Work Session	July 22, 2026	4–6 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers/Virtual
City Council Executive Session City Council Business Meeting	August 5, 2026	5 p.m. 6 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers/Virtual
City Council Work Session	August 12, 2026	4–6 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers/Virtual
August 19 & August 26: Summer Break, no meeting			
Developer Roundtable	August 31, 2026	4–6 p.m.	Public Works Campus/Virtual

[View the Full Council Schedule Here](#)

Public Agency & Community Partner Updates

League of Oregon Cities Bulletin

The latest edition of the **LOC Bulletin** is available. Highlights include:

- **Housing Bill Passes U.S. Congress:** See link: "10 Things for Local Leaders to Know About the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act."
- **League of Oregon Cities 101st Annual Conference:** Join city officials from across Oregon, October 15–17 in Salem; registration opens July 22.
- **City Water Services Survey:** Oregon cities are encouraged to complete LOC's Water Services Survey by July 24 to help inform statewide understanding of drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, and water reuse services.



- **Industrial Site Loan Fund Application Open:** Business Oregon is now accepting applications for a new \$25 million Industrial Site Loan Fund to help communities prepare industrial land for future business development and job creation.
- **State and Federal Funding Webinar, August 19:** The LOC has a new partner to help Oregon cities identify, qualify, and pursue state and federal funding opportunities.

Oregon Awarded Major Federal Investment to Grow Semiconductor Industry

A statewide consortium led by Oregon State University has been selected as one of 12 National Science Foundation Regional Innovation Engines nationwide. The Frontiers of Advanced Semiconductor Technology (FAST) consortium is set to receive up to \$160 million over the next 10 years to strengthen Oregon's semiconductor ecosystem through innovation, entrepreneurship, and workforce development, enhancing Oregon's position as a leader in advanced technology and manufacturing.

Central Oregon partners played a key role in supporting the successful application, including Economic Development for Central Oregon (EDCO), the Bend Chamber of Commerce, the Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC), and East Cascades Works. These organizations committed to serve as key stakeholder partners, supporting the effort by committing resources, coordination, and partnership efforts.

For more information, see the [OSU news release](#) and the [regional partners' letter of support](#).

Central Oregon Regional Housing Updates Newsletter

The Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) has released its [Spring/Summer 2026 Housing Updates Newsletter](#), highlighting regional progress and collaboration to address housing needs across Central Oregon.

Updates include:

- Governor Tina Kotek's visit to Shepherd's House Ministries in Redmond, joined by regional and state leaders, to recognize progress on regional housing goals.
- A listening session hosted by the Central Oregon Regional Housing Council with the Executive Director of Oregon Housing and Community Services and regional partners.
- A summary of the region's January Point-in-Time Count.
- Housing news and updates from many community partners, including the Bend Chamber, Bend-La Pine Schools, Bend-Redmond Habitat for Humanity, First Story, Latino Community Association, Rooted Homes, Sisters Habitat for Humanity, Thistle & Nest, Shepherd's House Ministries, Thrive Central Oregon, Hayden Homes and more.



Department Updates

Police Department Recognizes Lifesaving Efforts

Police Chief Mike Krantz recently issued **16 Lifesaving Recognition Award letters** to Bend Police patrol officers and sergeants whose actions directly contributed to saving lives in our community. The letters highlight a variety of incidents in which officers provided critical aid and intervention during emergencies, often under challenging circumstances.

While these 16 June recognition letters are being highlighted this month, they represent only a small portion of the lifesaving efforts performed by Bend Police personnel throughout the year. These awards offer a glimpse into the daily work our officers do to protect and serve the community beyond their response to crime and public safety incidents.

City of Bend Comments on Proposed Federal Grant Rules

The City of Bend submitted a recent **comment letter** to the Office of Management and Budget regarding proposed changes to federal grant administration rules.

Acting under Council's authorization for the City Attorney to take actions protecting the City's interests in federal funding, the comments discuss concerns that the proposed rules would increase risk, uncertainty, and the administrative costs of receiving federal grants. More than 54,000 comments have been submitted on the proposed rules.

In addition to its own comments, the City joined a **letter** submitted by the Public Rights Project, an organization that represents the City of Bend and other local jurisdictions in grant conditions litigation. Mayor Melanie Kebler also joined comments submitted through the Action Network.

Resident Recognizes Water Department's Quick Response

The Public Works Department received a note of thanks from a resident this week:

"Dear City of Bend Water Department, I'm finally emailing to say THANK YOU for dealing with our water meter box in the alley behind our house so quickly and perfectly when I called a few weeks back! We appreciate you!"



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