

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Information and updates for the Mayor and City Council

July 24, 2026

Upcoming Events & Meetings

Meeting/Event	Date	Time	Location
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
<i>August 19 & August 26: Summer Break, no meeting</i>			
Developer Roundtable	August 31, 2026	4–6 p.m.	Public Works Campus/Virtual
City Council Executive Session City Council Business Meeting	September 2, 2026	5 p.m. 6 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers/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:

- **League of Oregon Cities 101st Annual Conference:** Join city officials from across Oregon, October 15–17 in Salem; registration is now open.
- **City Input Needed on PSU Housing Surveys:** Portland State University is asking cities across Oregon to complete its 2026 housing surveys.
- **New State Toolkit for promoting water conservation:** The Oregon Water Resources Department and the Oregon Department of Emergency Management have released a free Water Conservation Communications Toolkit.



Department Updates

July Economic Update Highlights Bend's Market Trends

The Economic Development Department has released its **July 2026 Economic Update**.

The report includes economic and development statistics, labor market activity, and links to relevant articles and reports that provide insight into local economic conditions. It shows slowing and changing housing production, stable unemployment and softening in some aspects of the market.

According to the report, "Economic conditions in Bend remain stable entering the second half of 2026. Commercial investment, business registrations, and the labor market remain generally positive. Development activity has shifted from several large multifamily projects in 2025 toward a mix of residential and commercial construction in 2026, as elevated borrowing costs continue to influence investment and development decisions."

For more information, contact Katy Brooks, Economic Development Officer, at kbrooks@bendoregon.gov.

Sustainability Update: New Resources and Funding Opportunities

Bend Energy Smart Launches

The City of Bend's **Bend Energy Smart** webpage serves as a central resource for homeowners and renters interested in home electrification, energy efficiency, and reducing carbon emissions.

Designed as a one-stop shop, the webpage connects community members with local programs, technical resources, and educational opportunities to help make home energy upgrades more accessible and understandable. Resources include the *Go Electric!* workshop series, information on home electrification and efficiency improvements, and local initiatives such as the City's induction stove lending program.

The program supports the City's Climate Resiliency goal and helps community members reduce energy costs, improve home comfort, and learn more about available clean energy solutions.

Grant Programs Open August 5

Applications for the Climate Action Partner Grant Program and the Small Business Assistance Grant Program will open on August 5.

- **Climate Action Partner Grant Program:** Now entering its second year, this program provides funding for nonprofit organizations, government entities, and higher education



institutions working on projects that advance the goals of Bend's Community Climate Action Plan. Contact Cassie Lacy, Senior Management Analyst (clubenow@bendoregon.gov) for more information.

- **Small Business Assistance Grant Program:** Launching this year, the program will help local, private-sector small businesses in Bend. Designed around the City's Economic Development Strategic Plan and the Bend Economic Development Advisory Board's 2026-2028 Workplan, it helps small businesses strengthen operational capacity, improve customer-facing services, expand opportunities for underserved entrepreneurs, and bolster overall business stability. A dedicated portion of these funds will also support small business projects that lower environmental impacts and reduce operational climate risks. On August 5, visit the [Economic Development Department webpage](#) for the application and details. Contact Cyrus Mooney, Business Development Manager (cmooney@bendoregon.gov) for more information.

Test Run of New Mobile Bike/Pedestrian/Traffic Counters

The City has deployed new mobile counters at the intersection of Greenwood Avenue and Hill Street as part of a pilot project to better understand how people travel through the area.

The devices will collect data on bicycle, pedestrian, and vehicle volumes through July 28. The data collected will help City staff better understand how people move throughout the community and evaluate opportunities for transportation improvements.

- The counters are designed solely to count and classify roadway users.
- They do **not** capture personal information, photographs, video recordings, or other identifying data.
- Informational notices have been posted on the devices in both English and Spanish to explain their purpose.

For questions, contact Jesse Thomas, Director of OPM/Data Analytics, at jthomas@bendoregon.gov.



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