

City Manager's Report

Information and Updates for the Mayor and City Council

March 6, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MEETING/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Council Meeting	March 15	5 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual
Council Meeting	April 5	5 p.m. Work Session BURA 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual

[VIEW THE FULL COUNCIL SCHEDULE](#)

COUNCIL GOAL FRAMEWORK

Please Review Council Goal Framework by Friday, March 10th

The **DRAFT Council Goal Framework** document is ready for Councilor input. Please review and provide your suggested edits in tracked changes or utilize the comments feature of Word. Stephanie Betteridge shared the document with Councilors via email on Monday, March 6th.

Please provide your feedback by Friday, March 10th, so the final document can be prepared for the March 15th Council Meeting for formal adoption.

Please reach out to **Stephanie Betteridge** or **Meghan Goss** for technical assistance.



DEPARTMENT UPDATES

City of Bend Purchase of the ‘Cowen’ Property is Complete

The City of Bend closed on the ‘Cowen’ property located at 755/705 NE 1st Street on Friday, March 3rd. The purchase of this property meets both short-term and long-term community needs and ultimately supports Core Area redevelopment goals, including affordable housing, civic plaza, or other public uses, such as a new City Hall.

The City will continue negotiations on the Peterson property based on direction from the last Council meeting.

Monthly Social Media & Media Report

For the month of February, the top community topics and themes observed in media and social media by Communications Department staff included:

- Fire Levy: Approval of the levy to go to voters on the May ballot.
- Transportation: Various intersection closures as well as discussions around bike and pedestrian infrastructure.
- Housing: Approvals on new developments and affordable housing.

For more information, including media coverage of the City and social media engagement, see the [Monthly Social Media and Media Monitoring Report](#).

PROJECT AND PROGRAM UPDATES

CouncilAll Email Summary

64 total emails were sent to CouncilAll between February 13th through February 27th. The top themes and concerns included:

- Traffic/Roads
- Houselessness
- Housing Development/Urban Growth

For more information, view the current [CouncilAll Summary Report](#).



Bend Vision Project Update – Feedback Poll Now Live

The Envision Bend 'Big Ideas' Feedback Poll is now live in both English and Spanish on the Envision Bend website - [Envisionbend.org](https://envisionbend.org).

Over the past year, Envision Bend has received input from nearly 2,500 residents about ways to ensure the livability of the greater Bend area for generations to come. This feedback has led to the creation of 60 potential strategies for our future. This Feedback Poll will help refine public priorities as Envision Bend works to create actionable steps from community input.

Community leaders and residents are encouraged to complete the poll before it closes on March 17, 2023.

Select Your Favorite Big Ideas

Envision Bend looks forward to launching the Vision Action Teams in early April to help guide the creation of a 5-year work plan.

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