

City Manager's Report

Information and Updates for the Mayor and City Council

December 29, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MEETING/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Audit Committee	January 3	3:45 – 4:30 p.m.	Awbrey-Butte Conference Room / Virtual
Council Meeting	January 3	5 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual
BEDAB Committee Meeting	January 8	12 p.m.	Council Chambers / Virtual
Environment & Climate Committee Meeting	January 11	11 a.m.	Council Chambers / Virtual
Landmarks Commission Meeting	January 16	6 p.m.	Council Chambers / Virtual
Council Meeting	January 17	3 p.m. Quarterly Council-Board/Commission 5 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual

[VIEW THE FULL COUNCIL SCHEDULE](#)

PUBLIC AGENCY AND COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATES

League of Oregon Cities Bulletin



Read the most recent LOC Bulletin here. Of note, LOC is requesting that city leaders convey their support for the comprehensive recommendations issued by the League and its partners to address Oregon's addiction and community safety crisis by engaging with other elected officials, community interests and local media to generate broad support for these objectives.

Additionally, Business Oregon has granted nearly \$7 million through Community Development Block Grants, \$400,000 of which was awarded to Deschutes County to continue the Central Oregon Housing Rehabilitation program. The program will provide low-interest deferred loans for high priority rehabilitation needs, such as septic system repair and replacement, to low- and moderate-income homeowners in Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties who reside outside of the entitlement communities of Bend and Redmond.

Bird Global Financial Restructuring

The City of Bend is aware of Bird Global filing for voluntary protection for its U.S. business under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. A copy of the FAQ's issued by Bird related to the bankruptcy filing are attached. Our understanding through communication with Bird is this is part of their financial restructuring process. Bird does not expect to go out of business. While Bird is slowing down locally for the winter season which is normal, we do not expect an impact in operations here locally in Bend into the 2024 calendar year. In the event things don't go as planned for Bird, the City has no ongoing financial responsibility. **Read the Bird FAQ document.**


ODOT 2023 Annual Road and Street Survey Data Available

Every year, cities with a population of 5,000 or more submit data to the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), as required by HB 2017. In addition to the more than \$5.3 billion in targeted investments from HB 2017, cities and counties must disclose road and street finance data to provide transparency on local investments. For 2023, 80 Oregon cities and 36 counties submitted data to ODOT, which is available **here**.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Cyber Security Updates and Reminders

Our Cyber Security Program has a number of accomplishments and reminders to share with you. They are pleased to report that due to the City's protection tools and the Cyber Security Team's effective response procedures, none of the 17 computers infected with malware in 2023 resulted in system



downtime. The City has invested in training and awareness programs to provide cybersecurity trainings, phishing simulations, and quizzes to help reduce potential security incidents.

As a reminder, during tax season, it is important to be aware of potential phishing emails and phone scams from parties claiming to be the IRS. The IRS does not initiate contact by email or phone to taxpayers who owe money.

Click here to learn more about the year's accomplishments and helpful reminders to keep you safe.

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