

# City Manager's Report

Information and Updates for the Mayor and City Council

January 26, 2024

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MEETING/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Council Meeting	February 7	5 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual
Council Meeting	February 21	5 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual

[VIEW THE FULL COUNCIL SCHEDULE](#)

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## COUNCIL SCHEDULE UPDATE

The second Council Meeting in June falls on June 19, and City offices will be closed in observance of the Juneteenth holiday. Council Rules state that if a regular meeting falls on a holiday, the meeting will be held on the following day. Therefore, the second June Council meeting will take place on **Thursday, June 20**.

Please keep this update in mind as you schedule your summer travel.

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## PUBLIC AGENCY AND COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATES

### League of Oregon Cities Bulletin

**Read the most recent LOC Bulletin here.** Of note, on January 16, the US District of Oregon found the City of Medford's Public Camping ordinance constitutional, and a bill has been introduced for the



upcoming 2024 short legislative session that would recriminalize possession of a controlled substance and make significant changes to Oregon’s approach to substance abuse response.

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## **Update from the Deschutes County and Cities of Bend, La Pine, Redmond, and Sisters – Coordinated Houseless Response Office (CHRO)**

In 2022, Deschutes County and the Cities of Bend, La Pine, Redmond, and Sisters worked together to secure \$1 million in state funding via House Bill 4123 (HB4123) to disrupt the houselessness crisis together and to operationalize a coordinated office to strengthen its communities’ houseless response. By the Summer of 2023, with thoughtful and thorough conversations and feedback from our regional team of local housing and houselessness experts and stakeholders, the CHRO Board of Directors considered various options and unanimously saw the benefit of creating efficiencies in our regional houseless response systems by expanding its capacity and contracting with Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC). In doing so, the CHRO will strategically align and continue existing work with the federally designated Continuum of Care (CoC), of which COIC fulfills the role of Collaborative Applicant. COIC also has the trust of and relationships with regional stakeholders, a history of working with local organizations servicing people at risk of or experiencing homelessness, as well as a proven track record with regional collaborative projects. COIC will be responsible for providing functional general support of the CHRO, execute deliverables required by HB4123, and implement the CHRO Strategic Plan. For the agreement details, please see attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between COIC and Deschutes County, the grant recipient accountable for managing the HB4123 fund and reporting back to the State of Oregon as required. Also available for review is the CHRO budget report to-date. Moving forward, a year-to-date CHRO budget report will be included as part of the monthly CHRO Board packet.

**Deschutes County and COIC MOU**

**CHRO Budget Report**

**CHRO Board Meetings & Packet**

**HB4123**

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## **DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

### **January’s BendBuzz Employee Newsletter**

This month’s **BendBuzz Employee Newsletter** includes an update on the City’s new furniture selection standards, a Lunch & Learn on Municipal Law with the Legal team, and story about how EIPD and the Utility Department joined forces on a key piece of Bend’s hidden infrastructure.



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