

City Manager's Report

Information and Updates for the Mayor and City Council

October 4, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MEETING/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
LCRB	October 10	12:00 p.m.	Board Room
Council Meeting	October 16	3 p.m. Quarterly Council-Board/Commission 5 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual
Community Building Subcommittee	October 28	11:30 a.m.	Council Chambers / Virtual

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PUBLIC AGENCY AND COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATES

League of Oregon Cities Bulletin

Read the most recent LOC Bulletin [here](#). Of note,

OGEC Rules Take Effect: Administrative rules which expand the scope of the Oregon Government Ethics Commission's (OGEC) authority over open meetings took effect on October 1. The **rules** were the result of the passage of HB 2805 in 2023, which gave the agency legislative authority to enforce open meetings law and codified into statute complicated case law regarding serial meetings. The statute also included a training requirement for all elected officials from agencies with annual budgets greater than \$1 million to attend open meetings training.



State Water Caucus Asking Cities to Complete its Water Investment Needs Survey: The Oregon Legislature's Water Caucus is asking city leaders to share their water project needs by responding to a survey by December 15. The results of this survey will help state officials understand what improvements and investments are needed in areas such as water infrastructure.

Bend ISO Rating Reclassification

After we received our ISO rating last year, we analyzed where we were deficient to improve our score at the next evaluation. While we were looking at the results, it became apparent that we had inadvertently left some points on the table in the areas of reporting training hours and personnel utilization. We requested a re-evaluation of our score based on this information, and the **letter from ISO, PPC summary report** and **hydrant flow data summary** that we received are the result of their review.

- Properties that are within 1,000 feet of a hydrant and within 5 miles of a fire station remain a Class 2.
- Properties that are more than 1,000 feet from a hydrant but within 5 miles of a fire station **improved from a Class 5 to a Class 4.**
- Properties that are more than 5 miles from a fire station remain a class 10W.

The potential result of this new classification could be a reduction in homeowner insurance rates.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Sponsorship Program 2023-24 Annual Report

As directed by the **Council Policy on Discretionary Funding/Sponsorship of Community Programs, Services and Events**, City staff developed a **City sponsorship funding program** to ensure our community partners have an equitable and transparent mechanism to request sponsorship and grant funding for community events and programs that align with City initiatives and Council Goals. Requests for City funding support are submitted via an online application process and will be considered twice a year by a Sponsorship Review committee made of up City staff representing all City departments. The City Manager considers the committee's recommendations to award small sponsorships and grants to support community events and programs. These events and programs can advance City strategic planning, promote cultural education, and/or provide economic benefit to our community.

The first annual City of Bend Sponsorship Program **Report** is now available for fiscal year 2023-2024, highlighting the program and the events and programs that received sponsorship and grant awards. City staff would like to thank our community partners for all the work they do to promote community building and enrichment with such a diverse array of events and programs.



September Social Media and Media Report

For the month of September, the top community topics and themes observed in media and social media by the Communications & Engagement Department included:

- Juniper Ridge Joint Meeting – Coverage of the joint meeting with the Deschutes Board of Commissioners and the Bend City Council on the future management of Juniper Ridge.
- Transportation – Various stories and social media updates about projects happening around the City.
- Welcoming Week – Coverage of the various events sponsored by the City of Bend.

For more information, including media coverage of the City and social media engagement, see the **Monthly Social Media and Media Monitoring Report**.

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