

City Manager's Report

Information and Updates for the Mayor and City Council

October 25, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MEETING/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Community Building Subcommittee	Oct. 28 th	11:30 a.m.	Council Chambers / Virtual
Joint Council / Park District Board Meeting	Oct. 29 th	4 p.m.	Council Chambers / Virtual
Council Meeting	Nov 6 th	5 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	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,

The League of Oregon Cities' (LOC) Board of Directors unanimously adopted eight legislative priorities for cities for the 2025 and 2026 sessions. The priorities were identified through a committee process and a vote by the LOC's 241 member cities. Legislative priorities for 2025-26 can be found [here](#).

Oct. 29th Joint Council Meeting with BPRD

The agenda for the Joint Council meeting with BPRD can be found [here](#).



COIC Housing Continuum Alignment

The COIC met this week to review alignment of housing and homelessness services and support for Bend and Redmond. The housing continuum is a concept that describes the different types of housing, services, and support a community needs to provide for all its residents. It also refers to the idea that a successful housing system should allow people to move up the continuum to improve their socioeconomic well-being. Please see the [Bend Continuum of Services](#) and the [Redmond Continuum of Services](#).

Moody's Ratings Affirms Aa2 on Bend, OR's Water Revenue Bonds

Moody's issued the attached [press release](#) on Oct. 24th in relation to the City of Bend's Water Revenue bonds that were issued seven years ago. They are required to conduct a ratings review at this time in the bond process. Moody's has affirmed the City's current rating of the water bonds at Aa2. This rating level indicates that Moody's feels the City has a strong credit profile and low risk of default. This is the third highest rating that Moody's assigns. Standard and Poor's (S&P) conducted a similar review a few months ago and increased the City's rating from AA to AA+.

LOC Request for Information on Transportation Funding


David Abbas sent a [letter](#) to Jim McCauley, the League of Oregon Cities Legislative Director, in response to his request for information on Bend's transportation funding. Jim presented on cities' Transportation Funding Challenges to the Joint Committee on Transportation (JCT) Workgroup 1: Back-to-Basics Maintenance and Preservation, at their [October 22, 2024, meeting](#).

ODOT: Impaired Driving Crash Trends

The Oregon Department of Transportation held a meeting on Oct. 4th to discuss reducing and preventing impaired driving crashes in Oregon. Supporting [resources and documents](#) were distributed on crash trends in ODOT's Region 4.

Bend Police to Increase Focus for Businesses in Bend Central District

The Bend Central District Business Association sent out a plea on Oct. 8th to its members and partners regarding the surge of crime, drugs and vagrancy in the area. Bend PD is running a 2-month focus project to target trespassing, drug use, violence, vandalism, and graffiti. Officer Jeff Perkins is asking for



letters from business owners to allow Police to be able to arrest trespassers without prior notification of the landowner.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

October Bend Buzz

The October edition of the **Bend Buzz** is here! This month we hear from Chief Riley about Bend Fire & Rescue's new data hub, allowing full transparency to the community about daily incidents and calls. Check out the Innovation update regarding the new RingCentral phone system and new AI guidelines. You may also have noticed that Outlook has a different look. Please be sure you follow the guide on re-setting (if needed) your email font to Calibri. Be on the lookout for a pre-assessment survey in November to gauge our knowledge of DEIA-related concepts as an organization. Get ready for our annual giving campaign (benefitting COVO). Remember that departments have until Nov. 15th to submit your baskets. Finally, be sure to check out what's going on around town.

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