



# CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Information and updates for the Mayor and City Council

February 20, 2026

## Upcoming Events & Meetings

Meeting/Event	Date	Time	Location
<b>City Council Work Session</b>	February 25, 2026	4-6 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers/Virtual
<b>Advisory Body/Council Summit</b>	February 26, 2026	4-6 p.m.	Public Works Campus (Prowell Springs Room, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor)
<b>City Council Business Meeting</b>	March 4, 2026	6 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers/Virtual
<b>City Council Work Session</b>	March 11, 2026	4-6 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers/Virtual

[View the Full Council Schedule Here](#)

## Public Agency & Community Partner Updates

### *League of Oregon Cities Bulletin*

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

- **Legislative Session:** The 2026 legislative session is now halfway through, and cities are urged to engage on key bills.
- **LOC Spring Conference:** April 23-24 in Pendleton. Registration is open.
- **March 23 Community Engagement Training:** The LOC is offering a new virtual workshop, *Community Engagement Essentials*, to help local leaders explore public involvement in meaningful, practical ways.



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## ***Engagement Opportunities for Residential Development Process Study***

The State of Oregon’s Housing Accountability and Production Office and ECONorthwest are hosting focus groups to gather input for the **Local Residential Development Process Improvement Study**, directed by legislation (SB 1537).

The study examines barriers in local land use entitlements, public works review, construction permitting, and plan review. Focus groups will take place in the week of February 23 and March 2. Registration is required. See **announcement** and visit the **project website** for details and to sign up.

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## ***City Leaders Invited to Boys and Girls Club Annual Meeting:***

- City Councilors and City Leaders are invited to attend the Boys and Girls Club of Bend **2026 Annual Meeting**, Tuesday, February 24 at 4:30 pm.
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## ***Statewide Shelter Program Funding Update***

Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) has shared an update on the Statewide Shelter Program as the Oregon Legislature’s short session continues.

**Currently, the Statewide Shelter Program funding does not appear to be facing reductions in the short session.**

**Background:** Central Oregon has played an active role in shaping statewide shelter policy. Tammy Baney, COIC Executive Director, and Amy Fraley, City of Bend Senior Program Manager, served on Governor Tina Kotek’s Sustainable Shelter Workgroup, co-chaired by Representative Pam Marsh. The Workgroup’s recommendations directly informed the design of the Statewide Shelter Program.

In July 2025, Governor Kotek signed House Bill 3644 into law, establishing an ongoing statewide shelter program funded at \$204.9 million over two years (original ask: \$217.9 million).

**Oregon Housing and Community Services presented funding recommendations to the Ways & Means Committee this past week.** Key proposals include:

- \$31,000 per bed cost cap (effective 2027 with exception process for demonstrated need)
- Minimum 20% regional match (non-OHCS funds)

### **What This Means for Central Oregon**

- If the state asks regions to sustain existing capacity: 386 beds × \$31,000 = \$11,966,000
- This is slightly above the current allocation of \$10,587,174.94. However, the proposed 20% regional match and cap structure could affect how funding is calculated and distributed.



- As Regional Coordinator, Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council will implement an allocation methodology consistent with the Statewide Shelter Program requirements.

**COIC needs clarity on whether this new recommendation:**

- Fully supports maintaining 386 beds at scale, or
- Creates a structural funding gap once match requirements and operational metrics are applied.
- February 26 Oregon Housing and Community Services contract holder meeting will answer questions and gather feedback.

At this stage, there is no indication that Central Oregon will lose beds. COIC is closely monitoring funding mechanics to ensure long-term sustainability and regional stability. For More information, contact Mickie Derting, Housing Programs Director, at [mderting@coic.org](mailto:mderting@coic.org) and visit the Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council [website](#).

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## Department Updates

### ***Professional Business Development Group Bend Mixer***

The City of Bend is pleased to sponsor the Professional Business Development Group's upcoming **Bend Mixer**, hosted at **UPP Liquids** on **March 12 at 5:30 P.M.** Over the past several months, the City has been partnering with the Professional Business Development Group to expand accessibility to the City's Public Contracts, Procurement, and Direct Purchase processes.

All industry professionals, local contractors and business community members will learn more about this partnership at the Mixer. Additional information will also be shared at an upcoming City Council Work Session.

See Flyers ([English](#); [Spanish](#)).

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### ***City Council to Hold Public Hearing on Proposed Economic Improvement District***

On April 1, City Council will hold the first Public Hearing and First Reading of an Ordinance that would establish an Economic Improvement District in the Bend Central District.

The proposed Economic Improvement District was developed by the Bend Central District Business Association and was recommended by Council to move forward in December. Over the next two weeks, the City will mail notices to all commercial property owners within the district. These notices will include details about the proposal, the process, and how to provide feedback.

View the [presentation](#) for more information.



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## Tourism Cost/Value Project Update

City staff recently met with Visit Bend to refine the Tourism Cost/Value analysis and methodology. A new Monthly Average Daily Census (ADC) lens has been added alongside the original monthly fiscal view to provide a clearer daily comparison between residents and overnight visitors.

Key takeaways:

- Residents generate about four times more total annual revenue due to their year-round presence.
- Overnight visitors generate about four times more revenue per day, reflecting the higher daily intensity of short stays.
- Using both lenses together improves understanding of annual fiscal impacts versus daily operational demands.

Contact Roger Serad, Senior Management Analyst, at [rserad@bendoregon.gov](mailto:rserad@bendoregon.gov) for more information. See also: [Resident and Overnight Visitor Revenue Analysis](#).

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