



# CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Information and updates for the Mayor and City Council

March 6, 2026

## Upcoming Events & Meetings

Meeting/Event	Date	Time	Location
<b>City Council Work Session</b>	March 11, 2026	4-6 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers/Virtual
<b>Joint Meeting with Bend Parks and Recreation District</b>	March 17, 2026	4-5:30 p.m.	Bend Parks and Recreation District/Virtual
<b>City Council Business Meeting</b>	March 18, 2026	6 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers/Virtual
<i>March 25 – Spring Break – Work Session Cancelled</i>			
BURA Executive Session (5 p.m.) Council Executive Session (5:30 p.m.) <b>City Council Business Meeting</b>	April 1, 2026	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**. Highlights from this edition include:

- **The 2026 Legislative Session enters its final days:** The LOCAL Act related to transient lodging tax revenue is heading to Governor Kotek’s desk, and the Oregon Government Ethics Commission package is also expected to become law. LOC staff will host a final update webinar on March 13 to recap the 35-day session.



- **Federal Broadband Proposals:** New proposals from Congress and the Federal Communications Commission could significantly limit local governments' authority over rights-of-way and broadband infrastructure permitting.
- **Oregon Mayors Association Contest:** Cities are invited to participate in the annual "If I Were Mayor..." student contest.
- **Funding Opportunities:** This edition highlights Drinking Water Source Protection Grants and an Oregon Department of State Lands grant to support waterway enhancement projects.
- **Engagement Opportunities:** Find opportunities to serve on committees, attend conferences, and participate in upcoming workshops.

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## ***Pacific Power Oregon Wildfire Webinar***

Pacific Power is hosting a free online webinar series focused on how the utility is adapting to extreme weather through enhanced meteorology practices, wildfire prevention strategies, and emergency management efforts. Participants will learn about Pacific Power's monitoring tools, safety methods, and ongoing work to reduce wildfire risk and keep communities safe.

Events will be held on **March 10** (English with American Sign Language Translation), and **March 11** (Spanish). See [flyer](#) for details.

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## **Department Updates**

### ***Transportation and Mobility Department Receives Street Preservation Awards***

The City of Bend's Street Preservation Program, which includes street maintenance and repair, sweeping, striping, and ADA ramp construction, was recently honored with two prestigious awards recognizing excellence in pavement preservation, project delivery, and long-term asset stewardship.

#### **International Slurry Seal Association President's Award for Excellence**

The City of Bend and contractor VSS International, Inc. were **recognized** for outstanding performance on the City's Pavement Management Program 2025 Slurry Seal Contract.

"This award reflects excellence in meeting the highest industry standards of quality, coordination, and delivery. It demonstrates exceptional collaboration across the Transportation and Mobility Department, Finance, Procurement, Communications, the contractor, and our Streets & Operations teams."

— David Abbas, Transportation and Mobility Director



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## Western Regional Association for Pavement Preservation Award for Agency Pavement Preservation

The Western Regional Association for Pavement Preservation, representing 13 western states, honored Bend for leadership, innovation, and long-term improvements to roadway condition and asset stewardship.

“It is an honor for our Business Operations, Internal Services Departments, Transportation Engineering Operations, Street & Operations, Maintenance, and Street Preservation teams to be recognized among agencies across the 13 western states. This award reflects the strength of our entire pavement preservation program, not just a single project, and highlights the daily work our staff put into operations, maintenance, and treatments like slurry seals, chip seals, microsurfacing, and paving. It also acknowledges our long-term commitment to improving street conditions and pavement condition index over the past decade with cost-effective, responsible treatments.”

— David Abbas, Transportation and Mobility Director

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## March Bend Buzz! Employee Newsletter

In this edition of the **Bend Buzz!**:

- **This month's issue opens** with a message from Jesse Thomas, including a call to recognize employee achievements as Sparky Award nominations launch.
  - **One City Update:** Staff have the opportunity to join the One City effort through upcoming Action Labs that will help shape the City's Mission, Vision, and Values.
  - **Employee Trainings:** Employees are encouraged to review the Spring Public Sector course list and look ahead to upcoming spring trainings on the AIM Equity Tool, continuous improvement, and other topics.
  - **Olney Avenue:** There is an overview of how Olney Avenue's recent improvements are making travel safer and smoother.
  - **Downtown Office Changes:** There are important updates on downtown office moves and meeting space changes.
  - **Council Recap:** Mayor Pro Tem Megan Perkins has this month's City Council recap, which includes the Olney Avenue Improvements Project, the Economic Development Strategic Plan, and an update on the Temporary Safe Stay Area.
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## February Social Media and Media Report

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

- **Olney Avenue:** Opening of the Olney Avenue and Wall Street Intersection.
- **Wildfire Safety:** Media coverage of the City Council discussion on home hardening.



- **Electrification:** City council approves the development of a fee on natural gas appliances in new residential construction

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

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### **Accommodation Information for People with Disabilities & Language Assistance Services**

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### **Servicios de asistencia lingüística e información sobre alojamiento para personas con discapacidad**

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