



CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Information and updates for the Mayor and City Council

March 13, 2026

Upcoming Events & Meetings

Meeting/Event	Date	Time	Location
Joint Meeting with Bend Parks and Recreation District	March 17, 2026	4-5:30 p.m.	Bend Parks and Recreation District/Virtual
City Council Business Meeting	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.) City Council Business Meeting	April 1, 2026	6 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers/Virtual
City Council Work Session	April 8, 2026	4-6 p.m.	Prowell Springs Room, Public Works Campus/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:

- **2026 Legislative Session Concludes:** The Oregon Legislature has adjourned, with 104 bills sent to Governor Kotek’s desk for signature. Key legislation affecting cities includes:
 - **Government Ethics:** The Oregon Government Ethics Commission legislative package passed. HB 4177 provides clarifications to Oregon’s Public Meetings Law.



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- **Land Use:** HB 4035 and HB 4082 both passed, giving cities more flexibility when looking at options to expand their urban growth boundaries for housing.
 - **Infrastructure:** SB 1585 passed, lowering grant matching requirements for cities on a sliding scale. HB 4005 created a "Water Professionals Appreciation Week."
 - **Water Resiliency Guidance:** LOC has released new recommendations on "How to Create a Resilient Curtailment Plan for Unexpected Water Shortages."
 - **City Awards Deadline Approaching:** The deadline for LOC City Award nominations is next week.

City Leaders Invited to Central Oregon Civic Action Network Workshop

City of Bend leadership and staff are invited to participate in the launch of the Central Oregon Civic Action Network, a regional effort to strengthen civic engagement and collaborative problem-solving across Central Oregon.

Hosted by the Central Oregon Civic Action Project in partnership with the Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council, this three-day workshop will take place April 7–9, 2026. The event includes Civic Assembly training sessions, a design workshop, and community conversation moderator training, with flexible registration options that allow participants to attend individual sessions or multiple days.

City Councilors should note that the first session on Wednesday, April 7 is specifically designed for City and County leadership and elected officials. Day 2 sessions are designed for community engagement and planning staff, focusing on facilitation skills to build local capacity for future assemblies.

Additional details, including the full agenda, are available in the event [flyer](#). [Register](#) in advance.

Thanks from Deschutes County Health Services

Deschutes County Health Services Director Holly McCown recently shared her appreciation for the City of Bend's support of the Deschutes County Crisis Program.

Director McCown thanked the City for its advocacy and for contributing opioid settlement funds to the program, noting that the investment is deeply appreciated.

She also asked that her gratitude be shared with City Council members, expressing sincere thanks that the City chose to invest in critical crisis services for the community.



Department Updates

Airport Traffic Control Tower Construction Progress

Facilities has shared a new photo [slideshow](#) highlighting the latest construction progress on the Bend Municipal Airport Traffic Control Tower. Each image includes helpful annotations that explain key elements of the work underway. Be sure to take a look!

The addition of an air traffic control tower marks an exciting and much-needed milestone for the Bend Municipal Airport, which has been one of the busiest airports in Oregon without a tower. This critical investment will significantly enhance the safety and efficiency of airport operations.

For more information, review the Air Traffic Control [webpage](#) or contact Garrett Kaye, P.E., Facilities Project Manager at gkaye@bendoregon.gov.

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