

City Manager's Report

Information and Updates for the Mayor and City Council

November 22, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MEETING/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Council Meeting	December 4	5 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual
Audit Committee Meeting	December 18	3:45 p.m.	Council Chambers / Virtual
Council Meeting	December 18	5 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual

[VIEW THE FULL COUNCIL SCHEDULE](#)

PUBLIC AGENCY AND COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATES

League of Oregon Cities Bulletin

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

- Save the Date for City Day at the Capitol:** The LOC invites elected and appointed city officials to join mayors, city councilors, and city staff members for our City Day at the Capitol advocacy event on January 28, 2025, at the Salem Convention Center. Online registration will open on December 3. **If Councilors are interested in attending the LOC Lobby Day, please contact Claire Conklin.**




- **State Leaders Hear December Revenue Forecast:** On November 20, Oregon State Economist Carl Riccadonna and the leader of the Office of Economic Analysis presented the state’s latest revenue forecast to the legislative revenue committees. Here are the topline highlights from the forecast:
 - Riccadonna has adjusted the revenue model used to produce the forecast. He felt that some of the “levers” in the model were outdated or did not reflect current economic conditions.
 - General Fund resources are up 2.7% from the last forecast.
 - Personal income tax revenue is up 8%; corporate tax revenue is up 46%.
 - The budget’s projected ending balance is up \$2.3 billion from the close of session forecast.
 - The U.S. economy is slowing down, and it appears as though the country will continue to avoid recession. Inflation has moderated from 9% to somewhere between 2.5-3.5%.
 - Job creation and unemployment are looking good.
 - Housing is contributing to construction sector recession.
-

2024 Population Estimate for Bend

The **Population Research Center (PRC)** at Portland State University has released their **preliminary 2024 population estimates** for the state, counties, and cities. Their preliminary 2024 estimate for Bend is 104,089. You will find PSU’s **November 15, 2024, notice** of their preliminary 2024 Population Estimate for Bend, along with an **estimates worksheet** that includes data for the State, counties, and cities. The PRC has revised their prior estimates from 7/1/2020 to 7/1/2023 down from last year’s estimates and included these in the worksheet. According to a recent article in the **Willamette Week**, the PRC has revised their estimates to be consistent with those estimates produced by the United States Census Bureau for Oregon, its counties and its cities. Bend’s population grew by 1,531 people, or 1.5%, over the past year. Between July 1, 2020, and July 1, 2024, Bend’s population grew by 4,811 people, or 4.9%. If you have any further questions please contact Damian Syrnyk, Senior Planner with the Growth Management Division at dsyrnyk@bendoregon.gov.

Bend Economic and Demographic Trends

Damon Runberg, Economist for the state of Oregon, presented to the Leadership team November 14 on economic and demographic trends that are affecting the city now and will likely impact the city over the next several years. You can view his **presentation** here. Key points to note:

- Economic Growth is slow.
 - Slow growth largely is an intended outcome of monetary policy.
 - Monetary policy is easing, which should generate more economic activity.
 - Slower population growth and an aging population a notable headwind (or tailwind depending on your perspective).
- 

Bend 101

Thank you to the Bend Chamber for having the City of Bend present at their October 30 “Bend 101” event, hosted by OSU-Cascades. There were many thoughtful questions with topics ranging from water resources, preservation of natural resources and permitting processes. See the attached **Q&A** for more detailed information.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

November Business Advocate

In this month’s newsletter:

- The City of Bend is accepting applications for the 100 Acre Urban Growth Boundary Expansion and will hold an **online open house** through December 4 at 5 p.m. to provide high-level details about the site proposals for Jasper Ridge and Caldera Ranch.
- In order to create more transparency for our community, the City has created two new data hubs related to **Housing** and **Transportation**.
- Electrification policy options and resources were shared with the business community, specifically the **Electrification Policy Options Table** developed by COB staff and Parametrix Consulting; a **memo** with key takeaways and highlights from various stakeholders; and, a **memo** from the Environment and Climate Committee (ECC) that serves as a recommendation to City Council for how to move forward in this process. City Council will hear about this topic at their Work Session starting at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4.

November Bend Buzz

This month we hear from David Abbas and learn about the new data hubs that are now available. There are also some tips for our upcoming change to RingCentral. You can learn about this and more in the **November 2024 BendBuzz**. We also meet Ariel Vee and Ben Berry in the People of Bend and learn about the many available training opportunities.

[VIEW PREVIOUS CITY MANAGER’S REPORTS](#)





Accommodation Information for People with Disabilities

To obtain this information in an alternate format such as Braille, large print, electronic formats, etc., please contact Michelle Driggs at mdriggs@bendoregon.gov or 541-678-6596. Relay Users Dial 7-1-1.

