

City Manager's Report

Information and Updates for the Mayor and City Council

December 6, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MEETING/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Local Contract Review Board	December 11	1 p.m.	Council Chambers / Virtual
Council Meeting	December 18	3:45 p.m. Audit Committee 5 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual
Council Meeting	January 8	7 p.m. Regular Meeting - Not a regular business 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,

- LOC and PSU Hosting Webinar on Population Estimate Process:** On November 15, Portland State University's Population Research Center (PRC) released 2024 preliminary population estimates, which are subject to revision before certification on December 15. The LOC and PSU are hosting a webinar this Monday, December 9 at noon via Zoom to demystify the methodology and process behind the scenes that generate those estimates. Come learn and provide feedback about data sources PSU may want to consider in the future. Access the [Zoom webinar](#) on this page.



- **LOC DEIA Committee Applications:** The League of Oregon Cities is currently seeking applications for vacant positions on its Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Accessibility (DEIA) Committee. Serving on this committee provides a unique opportunity to advise the LOC Board of Directors and Executive Director on matters related to diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility, helping to shape policies and initiatives that ensure the organization is welcoming and enriching for all. Current and past elected or appointed city officials to submit statements of interest by January 10. More detailed information about the committee, vacant positions, and the application process can be found [here](#).
- **Governor Releases Recommended Biennial Budget for FY 25-27:** This week, Governor Kotek released her recommended budget, and the top three priorities appear to be housing/homelessness, behavior health and education funding. After the recent **revenue forecast**, the GRB anticipates \$39.4 billion of resources coming in via taxes and carry forward and has proposed a budget for \$39.3 billion. More information can be found [here](#).

Central Oregon Cities Organization Legislative Summit & Holiday Luncheon

This event will take place on Monday, December 16 from 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at Redmond City Hall. There will be a commissioner present from each of the four counties. You can view the invitation [here](#), and if you are interested in attending, **please rsvp to lmorgan@cityofprineville.com by December 8.**

Potential Affordable Housing Developments for 2025-2028

Oregon Housing and Community Development recently released a report on the [State of the State's Housing](#). This report illustrates the housing production need driving actions and conversations from Oregon's legislature and the Governor. The **draft methodology** for an Oregon Housing Needs Analysis (OHNA) from the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) provides an analysis for Central Oregon on page 34 and recommends housing production for Bend on page 52 of the pdf.

In 2025, the City anticipates Bend Atwood Apartments will seek an SDC waiver from BPRD for 98 units. The state funded this development on September 6th (see [HCS Meeting Packet](#)).

It is expected Bend-Redmond Habitat for Humanity and Thistle and Nest will seek SDC waivers from BPRD for **8 units on Bear Creek Avenue** and 18 units on NE Franklin Avenue (see [Bend Bulletin article](#)). These affordable housing developers plan to break ground in 2026 on these units and may seek waivers in 2025.



For 2026, the City expects Haden Homes will apply for an SDC waiver from BPRD for 22 units in their Obsidian Heights development (City previously awarded funds and property is deed restricted) on Woodside Court.

After 2026, we expect the properties Bend La Pine Schools offered for affordable housing development will seek SDC waivers. Bend La Pine Schools entered into an agreement with Bend-Redmond Habitat for 18 homes at Stone Creek Commons. The school district just finished its recent property disposition, and I expect an announcement on that affordable housing development after the holidays (See **RFP Real Property Disposition and Development PCMS**).

We are aware of a potential affordable housing developments that could apply for SDC waivers after 2026 (or sooner). The **Lamont at Easton** requested funding from the state for 204 affordable apartments and ambitiously anticipates completion in 2027. Thistle and Nest also expects to develop 57 more affordable homeownership opportunities in 2027, should state funding be available.

In total, the City sees potential for 425 affordable housing units between now and 2028. That would only be 22% of the needed affordable housing according to the housing production recommendations on page 52 of the **draft methodology**.

TDS Rate Change Notice

TDS has notified franchise authorities of a rate increase for TDS cables services effective January 1:

2024 Rate	Description	Increase Amount	2025 Rate
\$19.54	Broadcast Retransmission Fee	\$2.00	\$21.54
\$7.00	Regional Sports Fee	\$3.00	\$10.00
\$15.00	HBO	\$0.99	\$15.99
\$4.99	DVR Service Fee	\$5.00	\$9.99
\$7.00	Bronze Sports	\$3.00	\$10.00
\$7.00	Bronze Variety	\$3.00	\$10.00
\$11.50	Bronze Sports & Movies	\$3.50	\$15.00
\$15.00	Bronze Sports, Movies & Variety	\$3.00	\$18.00
\$11.50	Bronze Sports & Variety	\$3.50	\$15.00
\$7.00	Bronze Movies	\$3.00	\$10.00
\$11.50	Bronze Movies & Variety	\$3.50	\$15.00
\$9.99	Starz (Legacy Only)	\$2.01	\$12.00


DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Communications & Engagement Report

- Community Survey
 - This week, our partner DHM, started a community-wide survey to gain insights from community members to help set Council Goals.
 - We are speaking with 400 community members and then we are providing an opt-in survey to all community members to provide input.
 - We will have a presentation to Council on January 22.
- City of Bend Website: CEDD
 - As you know, we are working on updating department pages on our website in preparation for a new design and a new Content Management System. We have just completed our first department, CEDD.
 - We heard from stakeholders that the current pages are complicated to understand and navigate for community members who are not deeply knowledgeable of City processes and terms.
 - The goal is for the website to be user-friendly, transactional, and accessible for all our community members as soon as possible.
- For CEDD, we have:
 - Improved to the visual hierarchy and division of information
 - Clearly defined links and buttons
 - Updated images and icons
 - Updated content to include
 - Use terms that are both relatable and easy to understand
 - Removed duplicate and outdated information
 - Condensed and revised information for clarity
 - The navigation has been rebuilt to guide community members to the information they're looking for in a logical, step-by-step process.
 - Over the next year, the project team will be working with each department for feedback and input on their web pages. EIPD is the next phase.
- Project/Road Closures
 - We will have Portland open to traffic on December 6-8 to accommodate traffic resulting from the Holiday Parade road closures.

Grant Update

The City of Bend submitted a grant pre-application to the Oregon Department of Emergency Management (OEM) for the FY2024 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Post Fire to support the installation of a battery back up to maintain essential services at the new Public Works campus in the event of a power outage event. The grant will allow the City to purchase and install a battery, that will be powered by a solar array, to ensure essential services are maintained during a weather emergency. The City has requested \$1,050,000, and will learn soon if the proposed project will be considered by



the State and FEMA. Please reach out to Chris Ogren (Cogren@bendoregon.gov) if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Engineering Department in the Community

The Engineering Department staff recently had the opportunity to help our neighbors at a **Family Kitchen** dinner. Family Kitchen provides nutritious meals to anyone in need in a safe and caring environment. Volunteers helped serve dinner, pack to-go boxes, and clean up. Thank you to the Engineering team!

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Accommodation Information for People with Disabilities

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