



CITY OF BEND

City Manager's Report

Information and Updates for the Mayor and City Council

February 21, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MEETING/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Council Meeting	March 5	5 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual
Council Meeting	March 19	5 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual
Council Meeting	April 2	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,

- This week, Governor Kotek issued a [letter](#) to legislators signaling continued concerns from landowners on the most recent update to the wildfire hazard maps that went public on January 7. The governor's letter has effectively paused any deliberations on the appeals until after the legislative session.
- LOC is asking for testimony in support of infrastructure for housing. Governor Kotek's housing bill ([HB 3031](#)) would establish a new Housing Infrastructure program to fund water, sewer, stormwater, and transportation infrastructure linked to new housing development. A hearing is scheduled for February 26 at 1:00 pm.



- On February 24, the House Committee on Housing and Homelessness will hear [HB 3644](#) which is designed to create a programmatic approach at the state level for the funding of homeless shelters. HB 3644 creates a standardized regional approach for shelter funding.
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Bend Chamber Feedback

We received feedback from the Bend Chamber following the January 14th Council and Advisory Body Summit (which a Leadership Bend member attended). They were impressed with how the Core Advisory Board advises on ways to improve BURA and the many aspects of the community they interact with; the work and effort that is poured into transportation projects; and they gave kudos to Russ Grayson, saying, “Every time we get to hear him speak, I become more amazed with how much he has on our plate. It's comforting from my standpoint to know someone with such gravitas is positioned to help the City in such a monumental way.”

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

February Bend Buzz

This month's [Bend Buzz](#) includes an update from Eric King on Council Goals, the City Advisory Board Summit in January, and open houses and listening sessions held with City Staff and Council Members; new phishing and spam reporting in Outlook; an introduction of the City's new Veteran Employee Resource Group; and information on the refreshed and updated Language Access Program.

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