



CITY OF BEND

City Manager's Report

Information and Updates for the Mayor and City Council

February 28, 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,

- The Senate Committee on Housing and Development will host a public hearing on **SB 49-1** on March 5. This legislation is being pitched as accelerating infill and expanding local control, but LOC feels that it doesn't address key factors in housing under production. They are requesting to contact state Senators to tell them to oppose SB 49-1 and **submit testimony** by March 7 at 1 p.m.
- LOC is asking for support for **HB 3634**, which would create a water workforce program to address critical shortages in Oregon's water sector – drinking water and wastewater operators, and for **HB 3700**, which would make it easier for experienced water and wastewater operators



from other states to become certified in Oregon through rulemaking from the Oregon DEQ and OHA rulemaking. Both bills are scheduled for a hearing on March 4 at 8 a.m.

- This week, the Legislative Revenue Committee heard the state's **March revenue forecast**, the starting point for the Legislature's proposed state budget. Highlights:
 - The labor market is strong.
 - Personal and corporate kickers have grown.
 - Lottery revenues are down.
 - Marijuana forecast is mostly unchanged from the December outlook, with only slight downward adjustments.
 - Federal policies may impact the Oregon economy – economic activity will be vulnerable to policies related to tariffs.

February 24th CHRO Board Meeting Recap

- \$85k of funding request from NeighborImpact via City of Bend for Stepping Stone Shelter equipment was approved.
- Change in Board leadership structure from Chair and Vice-chair to Co-chairs was approved.
- Bend Mayor Pro Tem Megan Perkins and NeighborImpact Deputy Executive Director Molly Heiss were voted as Co-chairs of the CHRO Board of Directors.
- To watch a replay, visit: [here](#).
- A discussion regarding convening a meeting with the HLC ([HUD program, CoC operator](#)) and [MAC](#) group will be discussed at the next meeting. (For Memo, jump to page 12 of the [agenda packet](#).) HLC and MAC have been in an ongoing conversation about aligning their efforts. Staff is awaiting Board direction for planning purposes for if-and-when they wish to meet with representatives from HLC and MAC, where all may provide an overview of roles, goals, and potential changes in the future structure and how we can make sure the CHRO is included and aligned.

HB 3644 Public Hearing – \$218M for Statewide Shelter Program for Unhoused Oregonians

Tammy Baney testified in support of [House Bill 3644](#) and its impact on our region during a public hearing in the House Committee on Housing and Homelessness. To watch, visit: [Oregon Legislative Video](#) (jump to timestamp: 1:06:55). Pastor Rick Russell also provided testimony focused on Safe Parking inclusion (timestamp: 1:26:50). You can read the press release of Governor Kotek's testimony in support of HB3644 [here](#).

[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.

