

# City Manager's Report

## Information and Updates for the Mayor and City Council

October 24, 2025

### UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MEETING/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Community Building Subcommittee Meeting	October 27	12-2 p.m.	Council Chambers / Virtual
Executive Session / City Council Business Meeting	November 5	5 p.m.	Council Chambers / Virtual
City Council Work Session	November 12	4-6 p.m.	Council Chambers / Virtual
City Council Business Meeting	November 19	6 p.m.	Council Chambers / Virtual
<i>Note: No Meeting on Wednesday November 26</i>			

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## PUBLIC AGENCY AND COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATES

### League of Oregon Cities Bulletin

Read the most recent **LOC Bulletin** [here](#). This issue has a focus on housing-related legislation. The League of Oregon Cities is gathering city input to help shape potential legislative changes to SB 1537, which created a one-time option for cities to expand their UGB by up to 100 acres for housing. Additionally, cities are urged to submit public comment regarding the draft Oregon Housing Needs Analysis rules published October 1. Cities can now apply for funding through the state's Housing Infrastructure Financing Program.



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# DEPARTMENT UPDATES

## October Bend Buzz

October is in full swing and so is this month's newsletter. In the **October BendBuzz**, we hear from Bend Police Chief Krantz as he shares insights on the recent Law Enforcement Best Practices Assessment. Adam Young brings innovation to the forefront with his presentation at an AI workshop for cities. We are also shining the spotlight on the People of Bend—find out who has been awarded the Young Government Engineer of the Year award and join us to welcome Bend's new Development Navigator. In the Around Town sections, you can find out the latest on construction projects and explore the new Public Works campus with a brand-new interactive map. And finally, catch up with Councilor Mike Riley in the September Council Recap.

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## Courthouse Expansion Project Renderings

Deschutes County Courthouse expansion project **renderings** are now available with street views and interior renderings.

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## County Assessor Projected Taxable Assessed Values Update

The County Assessor released their 2025-26 Summary of Assessment Roll which reports the Taxable Assessed Value that is used to calculate property taxes. Based on the report, the City of Bend is updating revenue assumptions for the fiscal year.

### Takeaways for Fiscal Year 2026 Property Taxes include:

- General Fund Property Taxes
  - Assessed Value for this year came in slightly higher than expected (5.2% vs 4.5% budgeted growth) which will result in approximately \$287k of additional tax revenues received in the General Fund. Roughly \$127k of that amount will be transferred to Fire & Rescue as part of their contracted rate (\$1.185 per \$1,000 funding), resulting in a net increase in the General Fund of \$160k.
- Fire and Rescue Local Option Levy
  - Due to the higher Taxable Assessed Value, the local option levy is anticipated to bring in about \$78k more than budgeted. Between the local option levy and the Contract Rate, Fire & Rescue is anticipated to receive roughly \$206k more than budgeted.
- Urban renewal:
  - Juniper Ridge - \$178k **less** revenue than expected.



- Core Area - \$166k more revenue than expected.
  - Murphy - \$55k more revenue than expected.
  - GO Bond
    - City of Bend levies the dollar amount needed for debt service so the amounts are as expected.
    - Rate/\$1000 for the 2020 Bond is about \$0.42 per \$1,000 and \$0.09 per \$1,000 for the 2011 Bond.
  - Additional Notes:
    - These calculations are based on an assumed 96% collection rate.
    - Of note, Real Market Value growth has slowed down significantly the last two years compared to the previous trends. The latest report indicates year-over-year growth in Real Market Value of 3.5% (2024-25) and 2.8% (2025-26). This is compared to 7.5% (2023-24) and 29.5% (2022-23).
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## **Electrification Policy Work Session Recap**

The process of evaluating an electrification fee is moving forward

- City Council is leaning more towards a “signal” than a “shift” in how they want to approach the desired outcome of the policy. The signal option is likely to be a lower fee which may lead to a lower level of behavior change, but moderates the level of additional cost added to consumers and generates resources that can be reinvested back into the community.
  - City Council would like to explore non-monetary incentives, and will discuss at a December work session.
  - City Council would also like to convene a joint committee of Environment and Climate Committee, Bend Economic Development Advisory Board and Affordable Housing Advisory Committee members to evaluate 2-3 different fee options and non-monetary incentives to provide a recommendation to Council. The joint committee will also have Ex-Officio seats for regulated utility providers.
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## **Public Works Campus Tour Invites for Councilors**

The City of Bend is excited to take Councilors on a tour of the new Publics Work Campus. Jo Wells, Facilities Architect – Principal Project Manager, will be offering 1.5-hour on site tours in November. The City Manager’s Office will be in touch with several tour options for City Councilors.

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