

# City Manager's Report

## Information and Updates for the Mayor and City Council

December 26, 2025

### UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MEETING/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
<i>Note: No Meeting Wednesday, December 31, 2025</i>			
Audit Committee Meeting	January 7 (2026)	3:45 p.m. (Audit Committee)	City Hall Awbrey Butte Conf. Room
City Council Business Meeting		6 p.m. (Business Meeting)	City Hall Council Chambers / Virtual
City Council Work Session	January 14	4-6 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers / Virtual
Joint City / County Meeting	January 20	3-5 p.m.	Public Works Campus - Prowell Springs / Virtual
City Council Business Meeting	January 21	6 p.m. (Business Meeting)	City Hall Council Chambers / Virtual
City Council Work Session	January 28	4-6 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers / Virtual

[VIEW THE FULL COUNCIL SCHEDULE](#) (Includes 2026 Overview)

### PUBLIC AGENCY AND COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATES

#### League of Oregon Cities Bulletin

**Read the most recent LOC Bulletin [here](#).** This edition discusses 2026 dates for spring meetings and conferences, such as the February CIS Annual Conference and the April League of Oregon Cities Conference. The Bulletin also announces the 2026 LOC President's meeting schedule, which will focus on gathering member input to update the Oregon Municipal Policy, a document that has not been reviewed in 20 years. Additionally, the LOC invites cities to participate in a Cooperative Purchasing Survey.



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## DEPARTMENT UPDATES

### Congratulations to City of Bend Water Lab on Accreditation Transfer!

Congratulations to the City's Water Lab for successfully transferring its Oregon Environmental Laboratory Accreditation to the new and expanded Water Quality Laboratory at the Public Works Campus! This transfer ensures the new facility and equipment meet strict state and federal standards for water and wastewater testing under the Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act.

The new lab nearly doubles previous capacity and features advanced safety systems and expanded testing capabilities to support public health and environmental protection. The Water Quality Lab provides testing for the Water Reclamation Facility, Water Operations Division, Stormwater Management Program, Biosolids Management Program, and Engineering Department.

The accreditation transfer was a big effort by Water Lab staff, and the City of Bend values their commitment to protecting public health and the environment. For more information, contact Anne Aurand ([aurand@bendoregon.gov](mailto:aurand@bendoregon.gov)).

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### City Wide Organization Chart

Councilors, please note that the [City Wide Organization Chart](#) is a handy reference guide.

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### Air Traffic Control Tower Nears Completion at Bend Municipal Airport


Construction of Bend Municipal Airport's first Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) is about 90% complete and on track for finishing by April 2026. This project will dramatically improve safety at the busy airport, which currently handles about 140,000 takeoffs and landings annually without a tower, relying on pilots to communicate directly with each other. Bend Municipal is the only public airport among Oregon's five busiest that operates without an air traffic control tower.

Standing 115 feet tall, the new tower will give controllers a 360-degree view of the runway and surrounding airspace, ensuring safe aircraft separation, and reducing airspace conflicts with the nearby airports in Redmond, Prineville and Madras.

Want to learn more about why this tower is critical for the airport's future? Check out the **December 2025 Cascade Business News** feature, "[Bend Municipal Airport's New Control Tower is 'All About Safety'](#)" by Andrea Hine (pages 1 & 18). The article includes an in-depth interview with Airport Manager Tracy Williams about this ambitious project and her 30-plus-year career as an airport



executive. For questions about the project's progress, contact Tracy Williams, Airport Manager ([trwilliams@bendoregon.gov](mailto:trwilliams@bendoregon.gov)).

 **See the progress for yourself!** View the photo [slideshow](#) with captions showcasing construction milestones, prepared by Garrett Kaye, Facilities Project Manager ([gkaye@bendoregon.gov](mailto:gkaye@bendoregon.gov)).

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