

Bend City Council Work Session
January 17, 2024

The work session of the Bend City Council was called to order at 4:03 p.m. on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, in Council Chambers, 710 NW Wall Street, and online. Present were Mayor Melanie Kebler (on Zoom), Councilor Anthony Broadman, Councilor Ariel Méndez, Councilor Barb Campbell, Mayor Pro Tem Megan Perkins, Councilor Mike Riley and Councilor Megan Norris.

1. Call to Order

2. Council Goal Quarterly Update

- Overview and Highlights
- Public Safety Goal Updates
 - Response Times
 - Technology Advancements to Enhance Public Safety
 - Automated Traffic Enforcement
 - Police Chief's Advisory Council Update (Laura Winberry, Co-Chair)
- Council, Board, Committee and Commission Discussion
 - Helen Silfven, Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC)

Police Chief Mike Krantz, Police Lieutenant Brian Beekman, Fire Chief Todd Riley presented the update.

Slides included:

- Council Goals by the Numbers
 - 5 Goals, 13 strategies, 50 actions
 - Current Status (25% through biennium)
 - 46 (92%) In Progress
 - 3 (6%) Not Started
 - 1 (2%) Needs Attention
- Highlights
 - Permitting and Review Process Improvements (including extensions)
 - Public Works Campus at Juniper Ridge
 - Air Traffic Control Tower
 - Transportation Project Completed
 - Neff/Purcell, Newport, Neighborhood Street Safety Program, Pavement rehab, and Downtown Parking Guidance System
- Upcoming Council Discussions January – April
 - System Development Charge Methodology
 - Right of Way Code
 - CIP Update
 - Tree Code
 - Transportation Fee
 - In-conduit Hydro Feasibility
 - Stevens Road Tract UGB
 - Council Compensation
 - Parking Code

- Surplus Property
 - Water Reclamation Facility Plan
 - Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP) Update
 - Water Conservation
- Public Safety Goal Update
- 2023 – 2025 Council Goals – Public Safety
- Today’s discussion - Reduce service demands through partnerships, use of technology, alternative response, and community education.
- Why does technology improve community safety?
- How do we use this technology more efficiently?
- Public Safety in a Single Pane of Glass
- What does technology provide?
- Where are we going in 2024-25?
 - Upcoming Technology
 - Call Volume and Response Times
 - Current Impacts of Approved Levy
 - Staffing Update
 - Automated Traffic Enforcement
 - Public Perceptions about Traffic Safety
 - What is Automated Traffic Enforcement?
 - Tigard PD use review
 - Oregon Laws that govern red light enforcement, intersection speed enforcement, and automated speed enforcement
 - Short Term Traffic Studies
 - Short Term Traffic Studies Results
 - Bend Data – Intersections with highest crashes
 - Photo Enforcement systems – What would we be looking for?
 - Resource Impact – What would it take to start an Automated Enforcement Program in Bend?
 - Recommendations
- Questions to Council
 - As a Council, should the Police Department continue to research these programs with the goal of eventual implementation?
 - If we were to move toward an implementation plan, would Council support a phase-in implementation, or develop a full build-out from the beginning?
 - What would Council’s goals be for a community engagement and education plan to gather input prior to implementation?
- Police Chiefs Advisory Council Update (PCAC), Co-Chair Laura Winberry
- Council, Board, Committee & Commission Discussion

Council supported the Police Department continuing to research these programs for implementation with full program build-out from the beginning. Council supported community engagement efforts utilizing listening sessions and media campaigns with outreach to neighborhood associations, the Human Rights and Equity Commission and the Police Chief’s Advisory Council. Council also supported an additional component of the program roll out of a grace period when only warnings, not citations, would be issued.

Laura Winberry, Co-Chair Police Chiefs Advisory Council Update (PCAC), provided an update on PCAC activities.

Council, Board, Committee and Commission Discussion

Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) member Helen Silfven presented an update. Silfven made remarks in support of systems development charges (SDC) for accessory dwelling units (ADU) as included in staff's proposal for item #7 and asked the City Council to write a letter to the Bend Park & Recreation District asking them to model their SDC exemptions after the new methodology being proposed by staff. Mayor Kebler requested that AHAC submit a written request to the Council explaining why the exemption is important for affordable housing efforts in order to facilitate submitting the requested letter.

3. Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) Strategic Plan and Funding Update, Tammy Baney and Andrea Breault (30 minutes)

Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) Executive Director Tammy Baney and COIC Transportation Director Andrea Breault presented the update.

Slides included:

- COIC Transit Update, Cascades East Transit (CET)
- Transportation – CET Bus Service
- Current Service Areas maps
- 2023-2024 Priorities
 - Mobility Hub Implementation
 - Hawthorne Station Improvements (map)
 - Diversify Fleet (images)
 - Cascade East Transit
- COIC Strategic Plan, Focus Area: Respond to Regional Priorities
- 2024-2025 Priorities
- Request of Council
 - Assist with legislative request to be recognized as a Qualified Entity:
 - Better alignment of regional services/planning
 - Reduced duplication; efficiencies
 - Reporting, auditing, committees, program administration
 - Appoint member to the Regional Public Transit Advisory Committee (RPTAC)
 - RPTAC members review, advise, and assist the transportation program in its efforts:
 - To help identify the transportation needs of Central Oregon residents
 - To help educate the communities on the value and offerings of public transportation
 - To serve as a forum where citizens can provide comments about service expansions, reductions or alterations
 - To advocate for new and expanded services

- To review future plans for services

Council expressed support for writing a letter to help with legislative efforts to be recognized as a Qualified Entity. Councilor Riley agreed to serve on the RPTAC.

4. Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Update

Engineering & Infrastructure Planning Director Ryan Oster presented the update.

Slides included:

- Why are we here?
- Background
- 12 Distinct Programs
- Recent Discussions
- Inflationary Impacts
- General Obligation Bond Capital Improvement Program
- Transportation Capital Improvement Program
- Reed Market Upcoming Projects
- Next Steps
 - Question 1 - Are we willing to budget more on certain projects from the GO Bond?
 - North/South & East/West Key Routes, Bend Bikeways, Olney Bike/Pedestrian
 - Question 2 - Are we willing to use the Transportation Construction Fund to cover costs on GO Bond?
 - Bond and Reed Market (4.25M), 3rd and Reed Market (5M), Galveston (4M)
 - How would Council like to see this next? Need to revisit these if/when we win additional grant funding!
 - Community Building Subcommittee, Bond Oversight Committee, Mid-Biennium

Council supported budgeting more on certain projects from the GO Bond as identified above in Question 1. Council supported pushing 3rd and Reed Market to 2025 to better align with future ODOT projects. Council requested updated plans and costs for Bond and Reed Market and Galveston. The updates will be brought back for Council consideration at a Work Session in late April or early May.

4. Recess for the Bend Urban Renewal Agency

5. Return to Council Work Session, convene Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2) (h) to consult with attorney regarding legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed

The Executive Session was not needed.

6. Adjourned 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Robyn Christie/MF
 City Recorder