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Thank you for your work on the new proposed City Charter. This could be a first step in making the City of Bend more effective in managing city problems. However it should not stop here. Taxpayers should be able to simultaneously evaluate and distribute their scarce financial resources among the many municipal projects.

But the City of Bend, Bend Parks and Recreation District and the Bend-Lapine School Board function as separate taxing authorities. Funding for their projects is proposed at different times so it is difficult for taxpayers to value and prioritize on how their taxes will be spent. We are well aware that the BPRD has a special State designation which was authorized by the voters many years ago. This issue of spending prioritization has been raised before, but viewed as impossible to fix. But just as agreements and laws can be made, they can be changed.

One of the most important governance goals for Bend should be to bring financing of City projects under one authority that can value, prioritize, schedule and compromise the funding of essential municipal projects with limited taxpayer resources.

thanks

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