

Community & Economic Development Weekly Brief



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Report Purpose

Weekly at-a-glance report from the Ogden City Community & Economic Development Department – prepared for city leaders and community stakeholders. Previous reports can be viewed at the [Community & Economic Development webpage](#).

Airport

- The terminal expansion construction project is now underway and progressing.
- AvFlight hosted a ribbon-cutting event last week to commemorate their new FBO operations at the Airport.



Arts – Culture – Events – Union Station

- Union Station and Ogden Amphitheater hosted [Martin Luther King Jr. Day events](#) yesterday (Jan. 20).
- Hosted the annual Tattoo Winter Convention last week at Union Station.
- Our Union Station Car Museum updates are now complete, with a new layout of cars/exhibits highlighting the trailblazing, competition and money that went into Ogden's car culture in the early 1900s. A reception with car historian Jon Clark is this week (1/24 at 6:30 pm).
- The art call for the Community Art Show "Elements" exhibition went live last week and be open until Feb. 24.
- The Arts Grant application cycle review process is now underway. Reviews will be completed by January 24. The Arts Grants Subcommittee will meet on Feb. 5 to discuss funding recommendations.
- The physical inventory of the Denver & Rio Grande Western #223 will be completed this week, with the physical reorganization of component parts.
- Supporting the Mayor's Office for the upcoming [State of the City event](#) at the Copper Nickel on January 29 at 6:00 pm.
- Working with GOAL on the upcoming [Winter Race Series](#). The first race is the WRS 5K on Feb. 15 at the Weber State Dee Event Center.
- Artist contracts are being drafted for the 2025 iteration of the Utility Box Art project.
- Working on the 2025 event calendar for the city.
- The IF4 – International Fly Fishing event is coming back to Union Station on Mar. 7 – supported by the Union Station and ACE teams.

Building Services

- Business Licensing is working with our I.T. team to allow businesses the ability to apply online for their licenses through onestop.ogdencity.com.
- We are also in the process of revamping the Business License webpage to make it more user friendly and informative.
- Code Services is moving forward with the demolition process for a structure that caught fire in 2018. This project is a great example of due process as it went through lengthy appeals, after which the demolition order was upheld.

Community Development

- Renovation/Resale Program:
 - The newly renovated home at 450 30th Street is now listed for sale: [UtahRealEstate.com listing](#).
 - Renovation of the historic home at 2329 Quincy Avenue is progressing, and renovation of the home at 2823 Eccles Ave. is ongoing.
 - Renovation of Home at 1183 28th Street is now out to bid.
- New Home/Infill Construction Program:
 - Construction on the final phase of the [Towns at 24th](#) for sale units is complete. Only three units remain unsold. Landscaping at the new development is planned for completion in the spring.
 - Our new homes at Sycamore Cove are progressing.
 - 2321 Quincy Ave. construction is complete and now [listed for sale](#) (photo right).
 - Construction on the home at 874 Cahoon Circle is currently underway.
 - Exterior/interior finishes are ongoing for the LIHTC housing at 25th and Quincy.



- [“Own in Ogden” Down-Payment Assistance](#): 30 loans funded since July 1 (FY25); 53 applications received; 3 under review.
- [Home Exterior Loan Program \(HELP\)](#): 24 loans approved since July (FY25). Only funds for utility line repairs remain.
- [Volunteer Partnership Grants](#): 10 grants have been received for My Hometown Initiative projects since July 1 (FY25).
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program for Homeless (TBRA): 75 housed and 4 households have completed one year in program and been approved for a second year.
- Presented ConPlan information to Weber Human Services Agency on Aging staff and received positive feedback on the city’s HUD programs.
- Community Development continues to host free classes regarding homeownership in conjunction with the My Hometown Initiative. The next class will be held on February 6.

Economic Development – Redevelopment – Business Information Center

- We were excited to see that the Ogden City/Clearfield metro area was just recognized as the [Second Best Performing City in the U.S.!](#)
 - From the Milken Institute report: “Ogden-Clearfield’s swift high-tech GDP growth, primarily thanks to its thriving aerospace industry, drove its rise in the rankings. The metro area also had the lowest income inequality of all large cities.”
 - Mayor Nadolski spoke about [Ogden’s success on a Milken Institute panel](#) in Washington, DC last week (*photo right*).
- Met with two developers working on housing projects in Ogden and discussed the City’s economic development and redevelopment goals.
- Met with Council staff to provide an update on RDA projects and schedule several upcoming initiatives.
- Supporting Visit Ogden and OECC on planning for a major defense conference in May 2026.
- Researching Housing and Transit Redevelopment Zone (HTRZ) requirements for several potential projects, including discussions with the Governor’s Office of Economic Opportunity.
- Verified additional Airport CRA real property and Book 30 parcel numbers for the Weber County Auditor.
- Compiled 2023-2024 RDA Project Area Economic Summaries for inclusion in the Redevelopment Agency’s 2023 – 2024 Annual Report.
- Geared up for the 2025 Utah State General Legislative Session. Participating in the Utah Redevelopment Association’s legislative efforts.
- Two loan modifications were executed, completed underwriting for a loan, processed the last draw request for one borrower, and met with a small business owner to discuss Ogden City loan programs and available resources.
- Participated in the Ogden-Weber Chamber of Commerce’s Small Business Committee.
- Supported the downtown parking stakeholder committee meeting.
- Attending the Ogden Downtown Alliance quarterly town hall meeting on Wednesday (Jan. 22) at Union Station.
- Participating in the Northern Utah Economic Alliance quarterly advisory board meeting this Wednesday (Jan. 22).
- Attending the 47th Annual Utah Aerospace Day at the Utah State Capitol on Jan. 28, representing the only Utah city.



Planning

- Planning Commission:
 - The Commission held a work session to review several chapters of the Zone Ogden code update.
 - The chapters dealt with the nonresidential zones (community, commercial, and industrial).
- Landmarks Commission:
 - The Commission held a work session to discuss possible boundaries for the Marilyn Drive historic area.
- Plan Ogden:
 - The Plan Ogden advisory committee met to discuss plans for the Plan Ogden Celebration on January 22.
- County Planning Commission:
 - City staff attended a work session of the Weber County Planning Commission discussing a potential zone change on an island of unincorporated land on 1900 W and 3300 S – which is in the city’s annexation plan. The property is zoned industrial, and the applicant is requesting residential zoning. The county planning commission declined to listen to the city’s concerns about the area not being suitable for residential use, the loss of significant economic development potential and negative impacts to the airport.
- Upcoming meetings:
 - Plan Ogden [Celebration](#): January 22 at 5:30 pm at Union Station.
 - All are invited to come see the output from months of community engagement/input regarding our new General Plan.
 - 24th Street Interchange Area Planning: January 30 at 6:00 pm at Catholic Community Services (2504 F Avenue, Ogden).

Other City Activities

- The mayor’s [State of the City Event](#) is coming up on January 29 at 6:00 pm at the Copper Nickel (2540 Grant Avenue, Ogden).
 - All invited!

