

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

- Construction Projects
 - The west apron and south apron improvement projects are scheduled to go out to bid this week.
- Terminal Expansion Project
 - The airport terminal building project continues to progress on schedule.
- Airport Users Meeting
 - We facilitated a well-attended airport stakeholders/users meeting last week (June 12) at the Kemp Building, and appreciated Mayor Nadolski's participation.
 - The airport layout/strategic plan was presented, as well as the airport mission, vision, and core values.
- Audit Response
 - The airport director is actively addressing the findings from the State Audit Report and is preparing to present a corrective path forward to state auditors.
- Air Service Update
 - Breeze Airways will add Wednesday flights starting this week, which will expand flight offerings to now include service on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday – through the last week of July.

Building Services *(building permits/inspections – business licensing – code services)*

- Our Building Inspectors performed approximately 274 inspections (second week in a row), ensuring construction compliance and safety across the city.
- A total of 44 business licenses were processed last week, reflecting ongoing growth and positive entrepreneurial activity in Ogden.
- 68 permits were issued last week, supporting a steady pace of development and construction throughout the community.
- During the month of May, our plan review team completed 121 construction plan reviews across a diverse range of residential and commercial building permit applications.
 - These reviews included building construction plans, electrical solar designs, and land use zoning application plans.
 - The reviewed projects encompassed single-family homes, townhomes, apartment buildings, commercial developments, new subdivisions, and new business license applications.
- Final plan review was completed for a significant residential apartment building project at the former Wangsgards Market site at Washington Boulevard and 2nd Avenue.
 - The approved development consists of a four-story 229,553 square foot apartment building with 225 apartment units offering a mix of studio, one and two-bedroom apartments. Amenities for this project include an outdoor swimming pool, landscaped central courtyard with seating and fire pit, outdoor pickleball court, and designated dog area.
 - The review included comprehensive assessments of construction plans, geotechnical soils investigation, structural calculations, and energy code compliance.
- A construction plan review was also finalized for a 9,566 square foot two-story commercial building to be located on West 14th Street.
 - This new commercial building will provide leasable tenant spaces, contributing to the commercial growth in the area.

Community Development *(housing – neighborhood improvements)*

- Renovation/Resale Program:
 - Renovation of the home at 2654 Brinker Ave. is now complete and it is listed for sale ([listing](#)).
 - Renovation of the home at 1183 28th Street is now underway.
 - Renovation of the home at 470 30th Street is now underway.
- New Home/Infill Construction Program:
 - Progress on our new homes at Sycamore Cove continues.
 - Construction at 874 Cahoon Circle (*photo right*) is complete and is now listed for sale ([utahrealestate.com listing](#).)
 - A construction contract for the new home at 866 Cahoon Circle is being finalized and construction will begin shortly.
 - Exterior/interior finishes are ongoing for the LIHTC housing at 25th Street and Quincy Avenue.
- [“Own in Ogden” Down-Payment Assistance](#): 50 loans funded since 7/1/24 (FY25); 82 apps. received; 8 under review. Accepting new apps 7/1.



- [Home Exterior Loan Program \(HELP\)](#): 30 loans approved since July 1 (FY25).
- [Volunteer Partnership Grants](#): 20 grants have been awarded for My Hometown Initiative projects since July 1 (FY25).
- The My Hometown Initiative had 93 community projects completed citywide during May.
- Ogden City's Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program (TBRA) currently aids 79 previous homeless persons; 73 receive rent with supportive services and 6 receive supportive services assistance.
 - TBRA supportive services funds assists six residents at the Solace facility. Funds will help facilitate long-term housing for persons that have experienced homelessness and have acute disabilities.
 - Three households (10 in total) successfully completed one year of TBRA with supportive services and have been approved for a second year of rent assistance.
- ConPlan 21-25 Amendment #2 has been approved by City Council, allocating CDBG CARES Act funding to support the city's public infrastructure to help prevent future pandemic outbreaks.
- Staff provided technical assistance to OWCAP in preparation for an upcoming community event – Renter Open House – which aims to enhance tenant education and features a panel of housing experts.

Cultural Services *(arts – events – museums – Union Station)*

- “Disclosure” was the featured group at our second [Ogden Twilight Concert](#) last Thursday. “Kaskade” will be performing this Friday (June 20).
- The Utility Box Art Wraps are starting to be installed around town.
- Our community art show installation, “Folk Art,” has now been installed in the breezeway outside of Union Station's Gallery.
- The [Mayor's Awards in the Arts](#) nominations are now open for the community to nominate a creative or arts organization making a difference in the arts. [Nominations](#) for this year's awards close on July 25.
- A [nationwide RFQ](#) for the art project for the third-floor stairwell in the city municipal building was released. Submission deadline is July 18.
- We have signed off on the completion of the Merci Car's restoration in Cheyenne. Work has been completed successfully and to our specifications, including treatments to wood structure, paint, metalwork, roof restoration, and the symbolic plaques. We look forward to its return to Ogden as we work with contractors to lay rail for its new location just south of Union Station.
- We've received our newest addition to our train collection, the Western Pacific Caboose #438. It was built in 1955 and was recently acquired from the Inland Northwest Railroad Museum, courtesy of the Union Station Foundation. It is currently on display, paired with our Western Pacific locomotive #3002 *(photo right)*.
- Work is underway to transfer our desktop collections management software to a cloud-based option. This will give us enhanced options to share our collection with the public when completed.
- Transported and received four new large display cases for use in our museums from the Alf Engin Ski Museum. These cases are perfect for protecting mannequins and other large objects. Some will be on display in our museums soon and others retained for future exhibits.
- Making significant process in the schematic design for exhibit changes in the Browning Museum (anticipated in 2026).
- Union Station proudly hosted the [Utah Fashion Show](#) for the first time on Saturday – a high energy, collaborative runway event spotlighting top local designers, models, performers, and creatives. This vibrant celebration of fashion, beauty, and entertainment brought new energy and a fresh audience to our historic space. The event marks a significant moment for Union Station and its museums, reflecting our ongoing commitment to fostering diverse cultural experiences and engaging with contemporary creative communities. By opening our doors to events like the Utah Fashion Show, we continue to expand the role of the Station beyond preservation, positioning it as a dynamic gathering place where history, art, and modern expression intersect.
- Union Station also hosted seven additional private events last week.



Economic Development *(redevelopment – business development – Business Information Center)*

- Reviewing new tax increment financing (TIF) requests for proposed projects in several Community Redevelopment Areas (CRAs).
- Continued preparing the RDA Annual Report to be filed with the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity.
- Participated in the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity's RDA Annual Report Update and Training.
- Met with our Planning and Community Development teams to review the potential for development projects using the new Home Ownership Promotion Zone for Municipalities (HOPZ) tool. More soon.
- Working to finalize public space improvements at the Ogden Business Exchange and in the Nine Rails Creative District.
- Reviewing business loan and technical assistance (TA) files for year-end closeout.
- Developed and emailed this quarter's Economic Development Newsletter to our business database list.
 - Featured articles included: [Second Annual Acceler8 Wasatch Week](#), [Business Licensing Update](#), [Williams International Groundbreaking](#), [Blue Diamond Industries Ribbon Cutting](#), [Ogden City's Concept Review Team](#), and Business Information Center's Speaker Series info.
- Contacted hospitality companies, economic development organizations, and manufacturers as part of our ongoing recruitment activities.
- Attended a partner meeting with Hill Air Force Base and Weber State University colleagues.
- Met with the owner of several businesses to review plans for facility updates and the potential to collaborate to enhance downtown activities.
- Reviewing the draft Market Study for the Union Station Campus/Neighborhood development project, including requested industry updates.

Planning

- We held a dinner last week to express appreciation to our Planning Commissioners for their service.
- The Mayor held his administrative review meeting last week and approved three small subdivisions.
- We held our weekly concept review team meeting and helped developers that are working on three potential projects.