

# Community & Economic Development

## Weekly Brief



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June 30, 2025

### 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

- Terminal and Rebranding Progress: We're excited about the ongoing progress of the new terminal and look forward to the full rebranding of Ogden Airport – which will enhance passenger experience and airport identity.
- Ongoing Grounds Maintenance: A shout-out to our team for their ongoing mowing and weed control this summer that's helping to keep the airport grounds clean, well-maintained and safe.
- Temporary Closure for Pest Control: The airport was closed part of the day on Saturday for pest (cricket) control application.

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

- Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Peters, partnered with several city departments last week to address concerns raised by the Engineering Division. These cooperative efforts reflect our commitment to proactive problem-solving across departments.
- Code Services continues to work in collaboration with *My Hometown* to assist residents in addressing property maintenance concerns – focusing on correction over citation.
- The Business License team is working closely with business owners to help finalize approvals for a long-awaited restaurant opening.
  - In total, 43 business licenses were issued last week, reflecting ongoing business growth and activity in Ogden.
- Inspection and Permitting Activity:
  - 253 building inspections were completed, supporting construction progress and public safety.
  - 94 permits were issued, enabling a variety of residential and commercial projects to move forward.
- Our Plan Review Team completed construction plan approvals for the first four of sixteen new single-family homes in the East Lynne Subdivision, located just off 2nd Street between Porter and Jefferson Avenues. These for-sale homes mark a meaningful step in advancing Ogden City's vision for expanded homeownership and neighborhood revitalization.
- A member of our Plan Review Team attended a specialized training session hosted by the Utah Department of Professional Licensing. The course focused on safe and code-compliant installation of manufactured homes, covering:
  - Standard installation methods, including pier and strap anchoring systems;
  - Finishing practices such as perimeter skirting for a clean and secure look; and
  - Zoning regulations relevant to Ogden City, where manufactured homes are only allowed in designated zones.

#### Community Development (*housing – neighborhood improvements*)

- Renovation/Resale Program:
  - Renovation of the home at 2654 Brinker Avenue is now complete and it is listed for sale ([listing](#)) – *photo right*.
  - Renovation of the homes at 1183 28th Street and 470 30th Street are now underway.
- New Home/Infill Construction Program:
  - Progress on our new homes at Sycamore Cove continues.
    - Construction at 874 Cahoon is complete/under contract, and construction on a new home at 866 Cahoon will begin shortly.
- ["Own in Ogden" Down-Payment Assistance](#): 50 loans funded since 7/1/24; 82 apps received/8 under review. Accepting new apps 7/1.
  - Standard Examiner article: ["New application period for Own-in-Ogden homeownership funding opens July 1"](#)
- [Home Exterior Loan Program \(HELP\)](#): 30 loans approved since July 1, 2024 (FY25). Accepting applications for new HELP loans 7/1/25.
- [Volunteer Partnership Grants](#): 20 grants awarded for *My Hometown Initiative* projects since July 1, 2024. Accepting new apps 7/1/25.
- 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 and are now housed in Solace.
  - TBRA supportive services funds assist six residents at the Solace facility. Funds will help facilitate long-term housing for persons that have experienced homelessness and have acute disabilities.
  - This week, one household (11 in total) successfully completed one year of TBRA with supportive services and have been approved for a second year of rental assistance.
- Our bid has been published for sidewalk improvements in two East Central neighborhoods: <https://www.ogdencity.gov/264/Purchasing>



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

- Enable Utah hosted Rodney Atkins at the [Ogden Amphitheater](#) on Friday night, and “Modest Mouse” played for a sold out crowd at our fourth [Ogden Twilight Concert](#) of the season on Saturday. The next concert will be on July 30, featuring “Band of Horses”.
- Hosted another *You Make Ogden* community engagement event last week in Gallery 51 at Union Station.
- Presenting the FY26 Arts Grants to the City Council during their work session this Tuesday (July 1).
- Our community art show installation, “Folk Art,” is currently in the breezeway outside of Union Station’s Gallery.
- A new piece of railroading history has rolled into Union Station, adding to the city’s vibrant and growing collection of historic artifacts honoring its legacy as Utah’s rail hub.
  - Western Pacific Caboose #438 (*photo right*) is the newest addition to the Eccles Rail Center and will be open to the public during a special free admission RAMP Day on July 19, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm – held in conjunction with the Ogden Arts Festival.
- The [Ogden Arts Festival](#), one of [Ogden Downtown Alliance’s](#) signature events, is coming up on July 19-20 at Union Station.
- A [nationwide RFQ](#) for the art project for the third-floor stairwell in the city municipal building is open until July 18.
- [Nominations](#) for this year’s Mayor’s Awards in the Arts are open until July 25.



Western Pacific Caboose #438 at Union Station

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

- Developed a draft agenda for the new Hill Industry Partner Exchange event (May 2026) and reviewed with event steering committee.
- Supported the *You MAKE Ogden* open house featuring an update on the *WonderBlock* project. Thanks to J. Fisher Companies for an informative presentation! The positive Standard Examiner story can be viewed at: ["City happy with current WonderBlock progress ..."](#)
- Business Retention and Expansion visits included:
  - [Borsight](#) – landing a new defense contract that could mean growth at their Ogden facility;
  - [Hampton Inn](#) – new leadership team; and
  - [Alphaia](#) – community collaboration opportunities (*photo right*).
- Met to plan our next initiative/event to support employees affected by any additional federal layoffs (more info. soon).
- Attended [EDCUtah’s](#) new Executive Director Webinar on the future and presentation of the strategic plan for EDCUtah targeted industries, including the new target industry of Retail.
- Participated in the [Northern Utah Economic Alliance](#) quarterly report update on the economic projects won, lost, and planned.
- Completed/submitted the RDA Annual Report to the [Governor’s Office of Economic Opportunity](#).
- Supported media communications regarding redevelopment options for the historic Stock Exchange Building.
  - KSL article: ["Ogden ... to rehab ... Exchange Building"](#); KSL radio: ["Midday w/Maria Shilaos ... Exchange Building Interview"](#) (at 1:33).
- Participated in parking management communication planning discussions.
- Working on our Economic Development division strategic plan, as well as a comprehensive RDA projects communication report.
- Developing a proposed Tax Increment Funding housing fund policy/procedure for management consideration.
- Preparing for a meeting with an advanced materials manufacturer, including an Ogden Airport site visit.
- Our [Business Information Center](#) team is preparing a new business education speaker series, entitled “Elevate Ogden – Smart Start Series,” and the target audience is new entrepreneurs and small business owners.
  - We expect the series events will be once each quarter, with the first event on August 21 at 6:00 pm at Union Station-Gallery 51 – featuring an introduction to our Concept Review Team and process.
- Our Ogden-Clearfield market statistical area has been named in the Top Five (#2 to be exact) for the Best Business Climate Metro Rankings in the [Business Facilities Magazine](#)!
  - Article: ["2025 Metro Rankings: Established, Emerging Markets ... Lead Economic Growth"](#)
  - LinkedIn Post: ["2025 metro rankings -- leading economic activity"](#)



Alphaia management w/City Economic Development team – June 25, 2025



## Planning

- [Landmarks Commission](#)
  - The Landmarks Commission met last week, and they approved two minor roofing and remodel projects.
- [Wall Avenue Corridor Plan](#)
  - Planning, Engineering, and Economic Development staff met again with UDOT staff last week to discuss plans for the Wall Avenue corridor improvements.
  - We presented the Planning Commission’s preferred option for configuration of Wall Avenue downtown in conjunction with the Union Station campus project – particularly related to addressing expected increases in pedestrian access needs.
  - UDOT staff have been very helpful in identifying challenges and reaching a design that meets city and UDOT needs.