

# 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

- Please join us in welcoming Jon Fretwell as the new Airport Fire Inspector! We also extend our best wishes to Kevin Waller on his retirement!
- To support the development of a Request-For-Proposals (RFP) for our new airport food service, we recently met with two experienced restaurateurs to gain valuable insights on strategies for attracting and evaluating a good food operation.
- Bids were released last month for the new cargo apron and south apron projects. We were pleased to see strong interest, with a good number of vendors submitting proposals and attending the bid opening last week.
- Airport Terminal Expansion Project Update –
  - Interior Work: Painting is nearing completion, and data cabling installation has commenced and is progressing on schedule.
  - Site Work: Exterior concrete work is underway and progressing well. Preparations for paving are ongoing, with work expected to begin within the next two weeks.
  - Utilities: The new water line cutover is scheduled for this week.
- We reviewed the proposed upcoming multi-month project to consider the operational realignment of city code for airport operations during the city council work session last week. Additional follow-up discussions with the city council are planned for this week.
  - [Standard-Examiner article: "Ogden City Council hears first discussion on proposed airport policy changes"](#)

#### Airport – Strategic Realignment of Operating Requirements



City Council Work Session  
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### Building Services *(building permits/inspections – business licensing – code services)*

- Code Services identified and submitted over 20 potential assistance projects to the *My Hometown* program.
- Code Officer Peters took part in the recent *My Hometown* Day of Service, contributing directly to community improvement projects.
- Code Officers supported Employee Appreciation Day by assisting with event logistics – demonstrating team spirit across departments.
- Business owners operating from home can now apply for a Home Occupation Business License directly through the CSS Portal, offering increased convenience and accessibility.
- The [Hunter's Landing](#) apartment project at 407 W. 12th Street has been completed and officially approved for occupancy. This development adds 154 new residential units to Ogden's housing inventory, significantly contributing to satisfying the city's housing needs.
- [ENVE Composites](#), a high-performance bike component manufacturer based in Ogden, was recently featured during the Tour de France broadcast (Stage 10 – July 14 | Time Stamp: 3:09 | Segment: "Tech Talk" – ENVE Wheels).
  - This spotlight brings positive visibility to Ogden's local manufacturing excellence on a global stage.
- A new \$5 million construction project at 330 Stewart Drive in the [Business Depot Ogden](#) (BDO) has been permitted and is ready to break ground.
  - This project represents another key investment in Ogden's industrial/commercial growth and capacity for additional job creation.

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

- Renovation/Resale Program:
  - Renovation of the home at 2654 Brinker Avenue is complete and the home is now under contract.
  - 1183 28th Street renovations are nearing completion and renovations are underway for 470 30th Street.
- New Home/Infill Construction Program:
  - Progress on our new homes at Sycamore Cove continues.
    - New home construction at 874 Cahoon is complete, and the home has now sold.
    - Construction of a new home at 866 Cahoon is currently underway.
  - The 175-unit affordable Q25 housing project located at 25th Street and Quincy Avenue is now in the final stages of completion.
- ["Own in Ogden" Down-Payment Assistance](#): Since July 1, three loans funded, 14 applications received, 9 applications are under review.
- [Home Exterior Loan Program](#): Since July 1, six loans have been funded, 16 applications received, and 6 applications are under review.
- [Volunteer Partnership Grants](#): Since July 1, three volunteer projects have been approved and are underway.
- Ogden City's Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program currently aids 85 previously homeless persons (including dependent children):
  - 26 households received rent assistance and supportive services.
  - 21 households have successfully completed one year of housing with supportive services and are renewed for a second year.
  - Two participants have received Supportive Services funding for an online career education program; two are attending O-Tech for career trade education and one has attended GED classes.

- 17 previously homeless persons housed at *Solace* receive HOME ARP Supportive Services to facilitate long-term housing solutions for persons that have experienced homelessness and have acute disabilities.
- Four bids were received for HUD-funded Public Improvement projects in two East Central neighborhoods.
  - Bids are now under review for contractor selection.

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

- The [Ogden Shakespeare Festival](#) was this past weekend, and tonight (July 21) is the final night at the Ogden Amphitheater.
- The annual [Ogden Arts Festival](#) returned again to Union Station over this past weekend.
- Hosted our RAMP Free Summer Saturday (July 19) at Union Station, featuring out new Western Pacific Caboose #438.
- [Nominations](#) for this year's Mayor's Awards in the Arts are open until this Friday (July 25).
- Our community art show installation, "Folk Art," is currently in the breezeway outside of Union Station's Gallery.
- The art exhibit, "Wondrous West," featuring original art from 1848-1942, and is on display at Union Station until Sept 27.
- The art exhibit, "For the Love of Wildlife and Wildlands," is also on display at Union Station.
- Submissions to the open artist call for our [Community Art "Music Themed"](#) exhibition are due August 4.
- Presented the FY26 Arts Grants to the City Council in public session on July 1, and the resolution to fund the grants was adopted.
- The next [Ogden Twilight Concert](#) will be on July 30, featuring "Band of Horses."

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

- Held a staff retreat to collaborate on updating our Economic Development Division's strategic plan.
- Received approval from the RDA Board on the dissolution of five expired RDA project areas.
  - These project areas have catalyzed significant new investment and are now (and going forward) resulting in increased property values and tax revenues to Ogden City, Ogden School District, and Weber County.
- After satisfying the public input period, we are now preparing to execute the amended interlocal agreements to increase the budget capacity for the Adams CRA, as well as the participation agreement for the new market rate Malakite Apartments and the Utah Power & Light Building redevelopment project.
- Hosted a company from Austria to discuss opening an operations office in Ogden.
- Attended the grand opening of [Wellers Bistro](#), a new restaurant on 25th Street at [The Monarch](#).
- Participated in the Chamber's ribbon-cutting event for a new consulting company opening in the 29th Street Office Complex in Ogden.
- Communicated with a Los Angeles aerospace consulting company about bringing an Advanced Air Mobility company to Ogden.
- Hosted the USA Bobsled/Skeleton CEO and Head Coach in Ogden, and introduced them to the Mayor to prepare for the 2034 Olympics.
- Met with a firm to discuss their ideas about a potential Electric Alley development project.
- Held a discussion with a company exploring a connection with the French Alps in manufacturing, trade, etc.
- Continuing to meet with our Union Station development team to outline all the various steps and associated timeline for our project.
- Working on plan details for future environmental assessments and clearances at the Union Station Neighborhood development.
- Our development team met with the Union Station Advisory Committee and provided museum and overall development plan updates.
- Our Business Information Center (BIC) team is launching the Elevate Ogden Speaker Series.
  - Designed to support small businesses and local entrepreneurs, this quarterly series kicks off with a focus on the skills, knowledge, and connections needed to launch and grow a successful business in Ogden.
  - The first event in the series is set for Aug. 21 at 6:00 pm at Union Station.
  - Participants will learn from members of our city's Concept Review Team (CRT).
    - Our free CRT service connects entrepreneurs with city planners, engineers, building officials, and utility staff to help ensure business plans align with city codes, zoning requirements, and the Ogden General Plan.
  - Head to the [link and register](#) for this FREE workshop today – and let's Elevate Ogden! [See LinkedIn event post here](#)

### **Planning**

- Zone Ogden: Planning staff held a workshop with the City Council on the Zone Ogden project. Staff presented special use and development standards for their consideration.
- Planning Commission: The Planning Commission met to discuss the Harrison Boulevard OGX station area plan. This plan includes plans for mixed-centers, pedestrian and bicycle connectivity, housing, and businesses near the OGX stops. The Planning Commission will hold a hearing on the plan at their upcoming August 6 meeting.
- Marilyn Drive National Historic District: We have submitted an application to the Utah State Historic Preservation Office to designate the Marilyn Drive area as a historic district. This designation will give property owners access to state and federal funding to keep their homes maintained. We have notified all potentially impacted property owners of this potential change/opportunity. The state historic preservation commission will consider this at their meeting in September.

### **Other Department Activities**

- State Senator John Johnson recently sat down with David Sawyer (Ogden CED Deputy Director) and recorded a podcast that was released last week about overall development activities in Ogden – and for fun – a song about the podcast that is pretty cool.
  - [Politicit.com Podcast: "From city council to city builder ... the vision for Ogden's Revitalization"](#)
  - [Podcast theme song: "City in the sky \(Ogden Anthem\)"](#)