

# 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 Project continues to progress on schedule. Landscaping work is nearly complete, floor polishing is currently underway, and IT and fire sprinkler system upgrades in the existing terminal are ongoing. Recent milestones include the completion of paving and the successful connection of power to the new addition.
- Starting this week, main runway maintenance will begin. To ensure the runway remains operational during the day, the work will take place during overnight shifts and include joint retooling, sealcoating, and restriping. The project should be completed by September 13.
- We appreciated the assistance from our Fire Department to install the new seating in the terminal's passenger waiting area. The improved chairs are now in place, providing a significantly more comfortable experience for our passengers.
- Our Annual FAA Periodic Inspection was successfully passed, with numerous improvements and corrective actions completed ahead of schedule.
- The new REIL (Runway End Identifier Lights) have been installed on the approach to Runway 17, enhancing safety and ensuring compliance for aircraft landings.
- The proposed Airport Title 8 ordinance change updates, specifically those related to Minimum Standards, were reviewed/approved during the city council meeting last week.

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

- Our Plan Review Team completed the review for the interior tenant build-out at [Beehive Meals'](#) new Ogden Business Exchange (Stockyard) location. This project represents another exciting milestone in supporting local entrepreneurship and job creation within the community.
- Plan Review staff participated in a training session focused on International Residential Code (IRC) townhouse separation wall requirements, presented by Chris Jensen, Regulatory Services Manager with UL Solutions. This type of ongoing education helps ensure consistent and safe building standards across projects.
- The former meat processing facility at 37th and Quincy is now officially meat-free, marking the final stage of operations in that location.
- Building Services participated in the inaugural Elevate Ogden Speaker Series last week focused on entrepreneurs/new business owners.
  - Business License Supervisor Marqae Martinson walked attendees through the licensing process and offered tips for ensuring timely approvals.
  - Division Director Christian Stucki gave an overview of when building permits are required for new businesses.
- The final building permit has been issued for the Enduro Townhome project on Canyon Road, which will contribute 160 new residential units to Ogden's growing housing inventory.
- A \$2.49 million electrical permit has been issued for upgrades at Williams International. Work is approved and ready to begin, supporting continued industrial investment in the area.
- A building permit has been issued for a new airport hangar at 3695 Airport Road for [Borsight](#), signaling the latest step in aviation-related development at the Ogden Airport.

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

- Renovation/Resale Program:
  - Renovation of the home at 2654 Brinker Avenue is complete and has been sold to a new homeowner (*photo right*).
  - Interior renovations of the home at 1183 28th Street are nearing completion, and landscaping is now underway.
  - Renovations are underway for the homes at 470 30th St. and 1065 21st St.
- New Home/Infill Construction Program:
  - Construction of a new home at 866 Cahoon Circle is currently underway.
  - The 175-unit affordable housing project at Quincy and 25th ("Q25") is being completed and now accepting tenant applications.
    - A ribbon-cutting event for the new J. Fisher Companies development will be on September 10 at 1:00 pm.



Renovated home at 2654 Brinker Avenue

- The Salvation Army opened the pre-leasing waiting list for their new Silvercrest Residence at 2655 Grant, a 52-unit affordable senior apartment complex.
- Public Improvement Projects:
  - Construction is now underway on CDBG CARES Act funded sidewalk improvements in two East Central neighborhoods.
- [“Own in Ogden” Down-Payment Assistance](#): Since July 1; 9 loans funded, 19 applications received, eight applications are under review.
- [Emergency Home Repair Loan Program](#): Since July 1, three loans have been approved, two are now underway, and one is in the bidding process.
- [Home Exterior Loan Program](#): Since July 1, 11 loans have been funded, 17 applications received, and six applications are under review.
- [Volunteer Partnership Grants](#): Since July 1, 12 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).
- Staff attended the HOME partnership grant training in SLC and received certification.



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

- Supported our 8th [Ogden Twilight Concert](#) of the season at the Amphitheater (Aug. 20), which featured “Wilco.”
- The next community art show installation, “Music,” will open September 3, and be featured during the First Friday Art Stroll on Sept. 5.
- Dumke Art Plaza will be hosting WSU’s live dance performance, “Remnants in Motion,” on September 5 from 7:30-8:30 pm.
- Staff are in the early stages of preparing for Mayor’s Awards in the Arts event, which will be held November 6.
- Working on FY27 Arts Grants to prepare for the application cycle opening date of October 31.
- Ogden Arts has been awarded a two-year operating support grant from UT Division of Arts & Museums; \$33,000 per year for a total of \$66,000.
- Completed updates in our collections management software from Nomenclature 2.0 to 3.0, manually updating terminology on over 3,000 museum artifacts. This change makes our database more searchable and is required for conversion to cloud-based software.
- Preparing for our final museum pre-design workshop to be held this Tuesday.
- Hosted a successful RAMP Day event, teaching kids about Ogden’s historic theaters/actors. There were 67 program and 734 museum attendees.
- Hosted Ogden City Business Information Center’s first Elevate Ogden Speaker Series and hosted five additional private events as well.

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

- Worked with Economic Development Corporation Utah and the Governor’s Office of Econ. Dev. to close recent project files and gather details to support site selectors visiting Ogden. We have 19 active development projects with a potential of 6,986 job opportunities.
- Hosted Ogden Valley Adaptive Sports to explore potential collaboration opportunities and the establishment of a new Ogden office.
- Prepared for a site visit by an advanced air mobility company to the Ogden Airport to discuss potential expansion.
- Hosted accounting firm, Ernst & Young, with their Utah representative working with Weber State University.
- Met with the new general manager of the Courtyard Marriott for additional discussions about potential parking solutions in the area.
- Facilitated a Salomon Center tour with our Facilities director and a key tenant to review current facility challenges and opportunities.
- Engaged in discussions with site selectors about the current status and requirements related to Project Amelia.
- Continue to update goals for the Economic Development Division’s strategic plan, including details related to the Business Info. Center.
- Met with the River’s Edge project developers and reviewed the project funding model and updated renderings. The final plat for the project should be approved next week and construction is expected to start during the first quarter of next year.
- Modifying our 2024 RDA Annual Report draft and preparing for further review and presentation.
- Facilitated our first Elevate Ogden Speaker Series event – “An inside look at our City’s Concept Review Team” for new businesses *(photo right)* – with special thanks to our partners from Building Services/Licensing, Planning and Engineering.
- Met with internal team to plan for developing Union Station project transportation/parking funding requests.
- Participated in the County’s Weber Block development presentation and partnership discussion.
- Met with Chamber director to review potential opportunities for additional collaboration. Follow-up meeting this week.



*Elevate Ogden Speaker Series event – Aug. 21*

*Right: Julio Otay (Business Resources Coordinator) facilitating panel discussion. Left-right at table: Marqae Martinson (Business Licensing Supervisor), Christian Stucki (Building Services Director), Taylor Nielsen (Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/City Engineer), and Joe Simpson (Assistant Planning Director).*

## Planning

- Planning Commission: The Commission met last week to review parts of the draft general plan. The commission discussed chapters on Quality Open Lands, Livable Neighborhoods, and Water Element.
- Livable Neighborhoods: Planning held a focus group luncheon to discuss the Livable Neighborhoods chapter of the general plan. We received feedback on how to incorporate new housing and neighborhood centers into the community.
- Elevate Ogden speaker series: Planning presented information to the business community on how new businesses can use the Concept Review Team meetings to help in starting up new businesses.
- Presented a Zone Ogden update during last week’s city council work session.
- Our Wall Ave. Corridor Plan will be presented/reviewed at a public open house event this Wednesday (August 27) at 5:30 pm at Union Station.