

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 is nearing completion (*photo right*).
 - Interior decorating will commence within the next couple of weeks.
- The Runway 3-21 sealcoat project is in the final stages and should be wrapped up this week.
- The demolition of hangars at the new tower site is currently in process.



Ogden Airport Terminal – Sept. 11, 2025

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

- Our Plan Review Team had the opportunity to participate in the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Q25 housing project last week.
 - It was rewarding to see this project come full circle—from reviewed plans to completed development—and to celebrate alongside the stakeholders who helped bring this vibrant new addition to life in Ogden.
- The Plan Review Team also visited the Midtown Residential Townhome Project for an in-depth look at the Home Energy Rating System (HERS) testing conducted by Provident Energy.
 - HERS testing involves a comprehensive review of construction plans, paired with on-site inspections and diagnostic evaluations to measure a home's energy efficiency and performance—a critical factor in sustainable building practices.
- Business Licensing is preparing for the upcoming renewal season and is actively working with IT to ensure internal systems and automation processes are configured for a smooth and timely rollout.
 - This proactive approach will help ensure a streamlined experience for both staff and business owners.
- Our Building Inspectors conducted 243 inspections last week, supporting progress across a range of residential and commercial construction projects.
- A total of 64 building permits were issued this week, supporting ongoing development across both residential and commercial sectors.

Community Development (*housing – neighborhood improvements*)

- Renovation/Resale Program:
 - Interior renovations of the home at 1183 28th are now complete. The home will be listed for sale this week.
 - Renovations are underway for the homes at 470 30th Street and 1065 21st Street.
- New Home/Infill Construction Program:
 - Construction of a new home at 866 Cahoon Circle is currently underway. Framing/roofing now complete.
 - A [ribbon-cutting event](#) was held for “Q25,” a 175-unit multi-family LIHTC housing project at Quincy Ave. and 25th St. built by J. Fisher Companies (*photos right*).
- Public Improvement Projects:
 - Construction is complete on the CDBG CARES Act funded sidewalk improvements on Jackson Avenue. The sidewalk improvements at Lester Park are underway.
- [“Own in Ogden” Down-Payment Assistance](#): Since July 1; 16 loans funded, 30 applications received, 5 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, 12 loans have been funded, 17 applications received, and six applications are under review.



Ribbon-cutting event for Q25 – Sept. 10



New Q25 Development

- [Volunteer Partnership Grants](#): Since July 1, 14 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).
- The HUD Annual Performance Report (CAPER) for FY2025 has been drafted. A fifteen-day public comment, September 1-16, is now accepting comments. The CAPER FY25 is available for review online: <https://www.ogdencity.gov/489/CAPER>
- Staff attended the Housing Matters Conference, which focused on proactive approaches to solving housing affordability crisis and creating more affordable homeownership opportunities.

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

- The community art show, "Music," artist reception was held (Sept. 10) at the Station. Best in Show, and other honors were announced.
- Ogden Downtown Alliance's final Farmers Market of the summer was Saturday, and included a very successful [1st Annual Dogden](#) event.
- "Topaz Stories" is on display through Oct. 11 in the Gallery at the Station, telling the stories of Japanese Americans interned at Topaz.
- A new mural by Cole Eisenhour was installed on the Seager Clinic facility on 24th Street.
- The artist call for the community art show, "Patterns," went live last week with a submission deadline of October 20.
- Produced by OnStage Ogden, the Ogden Amphitheater hosted "The Wailin' Jennys" on Saturday (September 13).
- Our Olympic Mural Public Art project will be presented during the City Council work session this week (September 16).
- Ogden Twilight will feature the "Flaming Lips" this Wednesday (September 17) at the Ogden Amphitheater.
- Ogden Downtown Alliance's [Harvest Moon Festival](#) is this Saturday (September 20) from 10:00 am to 9:00 pm on 25th Street.
- The FY'26 Arts Grant cycle is currently being prepared for, with an opening date of October 31.

Economic Development *(business support/development – redevelopment)*

- Business Support
 - Arranged a [meeting with Fresenius Medical Care](#) company leadership, toured their impressive facility, and discussed their plans for current/future operations and growth needs *(photo right)*.
 - Appreciated our Chamber president, Chuck Leonhardt's participation.
 - Met with representative from a large, local composite company about possible expansion plans.
 - Met with Bank of Utah to review their SBA program and explore ways to collaborate and enhance customer service and support for current and future small businesses.
 - Promoted [O-Tech's media post](#) about their workforce development support.
- Business/Industry Development
 - Met with Utah State University staff/students in Logan to review their outdoor recreation industry support activities, new product development, and to explore opportunities to partner to attract outdoor industry growth – such as a business start-up incubator.
 - Met with a national site-selector to discuss improving business recruitment strategies and how to showcase Ogden's unique assets.
 - Arranged and met with a major commercial airline to discuss the potential for a new flight at Ogden Airport.
 - Participated in a strategic briefing with the 309th Software Maintenance Group at the Ogden Air Logistics Complex to explore collaborative opportunities, along with ecosystem partners Ogden-Weber Tech College, Davis Tech College, Weber State University, Utah Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity, and Department of Defense representatives.
 - Hosted virtual visits with an aerospace company and an advanced air mobility firm, along with two international site selectors that are evaluating Ogden for future expansion/investment.
 - Submitted proposals for "Project Euro" and "Project Journey 2" – potential advanced manufacturing/innovation opportunities – in conjunction with the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity.
 - Engaged with over 150 aerospace and defense contractors at the annual F-16/TA-TCG Worldwide Review at the Eccles Conference Center last week. The packed venue underscored the energy at this global gathering, and Ogden's Mayor and a Weber County Commissioner opened the event with a strong message of collaboration and opportunity.
- Redevelopment
 - Held our redevelopment team project meeting to review ongoing activities/projects/updates.
 - Expect to close on the sale of the RDA property at Washington Boulevard and 18th Street (former Hoffman Cleaners site) this week, which will be developed as a new commercial venture.
 - Met with Basin Development to review Capitol Square environmental remediation activities, HTRZ plans, proposed product offering and resulting projected financials, and required next activities.
 - Met with potential development partners to review options and a path forward to renovate the Exchange Building.
 - Met several times with internal and external Union Station teams to review funding and development layout considerations.
 - Participated in a Q&A with Interior Design students from Weber State University about design ideas for the Forest Service Building.



Ogden City Economic Development/Marketing staff and Chamber president with Fresenius leaders – Sept. 11

Planning

- Zone Ogden – Developer Roundtable
 - Planning held a roundtable with various developers to discuss the Zone Ogden code update.
 - Several developers provided feedback on proposed updates to residential/commercial/industrial development standards, and this feedback will be used to help the new code be effective at getting the kinds of development that Ogden needs.