

Community & Economic Development

Weekly Brief



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Report Purpose

Weekly at-a-glance report from Ogden City's Community & Economic Development Department, prepared for city leaders and community stakeholders. Previous reports are available on the [Community & Economic Development webpage](#).

Airport

- Our airport hosted a charter flight for Eastern Washington University's football team traveling to Ogden for their game against Weber State University on October 25.
- The xeriscaping work around the front of the airport terminal expansion is nearly complete.
- The new black wrought-iron fencing being installed around the west side of the airport terminal (replacing the old chain-link fence) looks fantastic.
- The remodeling of the basement bathrooms at the airport is continuing.
- Work on the new West Apron runway project started last week.
- The Grand Opening / Ribbon Cutting for our new terminal expansion is at 10:00 am on Nov. 14!



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

- The Plan Review Team had a productive week, completing several commercial and residential construction plan reviews.
 - A highlight was the review of the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District Phase 2 Water Storage Project, which includes a new five-million-gallon water storage tank—an important infrastructure investment for the region.
 - The team also participated in a training webinar on the Utah-adopted International Existing Building Code (IEBC) to enhance plan review practices for remodels and alterations.
- Building Permits: Several permits were issued last week, representing continued investment in both residential and commercial development. Highlights included:
 - A Certificate of Occupancy issued for Bank of America at 368 12th Street, marking project completion.
 - A building permit issued for a new single-family dwelling at 1084 Patterson Street.
 - A Certificate of Occupancy issued for [Milk Barn Creamery](#) at 1327 Wall, completing the final phase of the Ogden Commons development.
- A total of 269 building inspections were completed last week. The most common inspection types included:
 - Apartment unit finals (53), residential rough electrical (26), and residential power to panel/service upgrades (21).
- Business Licensing: 45 business licenses were processed last week. The majority (37) were renewals, reflecting strong continuity among existing businesses in Ogden, and 8 new business licenses were issued, including:
 - Luna Fantasy Scoops – home-based ice cream vendor at 2355 Kiesel, Grease Monkey – automotive services at 369 2nd, and Thistle & Thorn Tattoo Halloween Celebration – a special event held on October 26 at 2851 Washington.



Sidewalk work at Lester Park

Community Development (housing – neighborhood improvements)

- Renovation/Resale Program:
 - Renovations of the home at 1183 28th St. are complete, and the home is now listed for sale. [Listing](#)
 - Renovations nearing completion for home at 470 30th, and renovations at 1065 21st are underway.
 - A renovation contract for 2248 Van Buren Avenue is [now open for bidding](#). Bids are due Nov. 5.
- New Home/Infill Construction Program:
 - Sycamore Cove residential development is progressing.
 - Construction of new home at 866 Cahoon continues, and completion is expected by end of Nov.
 - The [bid package](#) for construction of a new home at 862 Cahoon is available. Bids due Nov. 13.
- Public Improvement Projects:
 - Construction of the CDBG CARES Act-funded sidewalk work at Lester Park is nearing completion.
 - The demolition contract for 2325 Madison has been awarded. Demolition is to begin shortly.
- ["Own in Ogden"](#) Down-Payment Assistance: Since July 1, 21 loans funded, 30 applications received, and 2 applications are under review.
 - Program is currently on hold until approval of AAP FY26 Amendment #1 which authorizes more funding.
- [Emergency Home Repair Loan Program](#): Four applications have been approved, with 1 project now complete and 3 projects underway (1 pending final inspection). A new application for an additional project has been received and is now under review.
- [Home Exterior Loan Program](#): Since July 1, 19 loans have been funded.
- [Volunteer Partnership Grants](#): Since July 1, 14 volunteer projects have been approved and are underway.
- The Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program is currently supporting 25 households (58 individuals) with rental assistance, while an additional 18 people at Solace receive supportive services.
- Annual Action Plan FY26 Amendment #1 has been transmitted to City Council with a work session scheduled for November 18.

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

- We're proud to share that the Nine Rails Creative District, including the Dumke Arts Plaza, Corner Plaza, and the 25th Street Improvements between Washington and Adams – has been honored with a Merit Award in Urban Design by the American Society of Landscape Architects (*photo right*)! [\[Facebook post\]](#)
- The [Olympic Mural Public Art project](#) plan was presented and approved at the City Council meeting last week.
 - [KSL article: "Ogden officials ok plans for Olympic themed mural"](#)
- 90 seventh graders toured the Museums at Union Station last week, traveling to downtown Ogden to learn more about transportation history.
- Staff supported the filming of the movie "Slay Day," with Union Station serving as base camp for the production last week.
- Hosted "Dia de los Muertos" at Union Station on Saturday – with performers, a car show, vendors and food attracting a large crowd.
- Preparing for the successful implementation of the updated Browning Firearms exhibit in early 2026, including meetings with signage printers, finalizing exhibit text, and coordinating logistics.
- The upcoming FY '26/'27 Arts Grants cycle will open this Friday (Oct. 31).
- The annual Mayor's Awards in the Arts event is coming up on November 6 in the Browning Theater at Union Station.
- The Ogden School District Staff Art Show is now on display in the Myra Powell Gallery at Union Station through November 29.



Sara Meess (left), former city Econ. Dev. Director and Lorie Buckley (right), city Arts Administrator – at American Soc. of Landscape Architects awards event

Economic Development (business support/development – redevelopment)

- Promoting the next *Elevate Ogden Speaker Series* event, "Financial Foundations for Your Small Business," scheduled for November 6 from 6:00-8:00 pm at Union Station Gallery 51. [\[RSVP Link\]](#)
- Continued underwriting activities for several new business loan program applications.
- Met with a prospective small business owner to share available new business support resources.
- Promoted our city resource list for negatively impacted federal employees and affected local businesses. [\[Facebook post\]](#)
- Assisted in notifying downtown businesses about RMP's planned overnight electricity outage along 25th St. related to *WonderBlock* updates.
- Hosted a virtual meeting with the FIS International Ski and Snowboard Federation to promote Ogden and explore partnership opportunities to attract future events and businesses.
- Met with a development group to discuss potential sites and future collaboration opportunities in Ogden.
- Coordinated with Weber State University and Ogden Airport teams to strengthen educational and aviation partnerships.
- Held planning sessions with our Special Events Team and Airport staff to enhance upcoming events and initiatives.
- Engaged with the Orange County Business Council (California) to foster regional economic connections (including our air service connection).
- Met with the editor/publisher of *The Ogdenite* to provide updates on new developments, including *WonderBlock*, Breeze Airways, and more.
- Evaluated the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Housing Application for a proposed senior housing project.
- Met with a property owner and a developer team about potential annexation, zoning, and the process for future commercial development.
- Facilitated our monthly RDA projects meeting with city administration to review progress on key redevelopment activities, including the RDA web dashboard, updated RDA policy and mission proposal, and Union Station funding/legislative strategies.
- Our Senior Project Coordinator (business dev), Julio Otay, completed a five-day training via the U of Oklahoma Economic Development Institute.
- Mark your calendars! *Ogden Eats Local* returns November 1-15. Get out and enjoy our local dining scene, experience unique specials, and support local businesses. [\[Facebook post\]](#)

Planning

- City Council Review of Key Planning Initiatives
 - On October 21, the City Council reviewed key planning topics, including the Harrison Boulevard OGX Station Area Plan and the Wall Avenue Corridor Plan, and approved a zone change at 1514 N. Washington Boulevard to allow a new for-sale townhome project.
 - Council also proclaimed October as Community Planning Month, recognizing the work of our Planning Division and Planning Commission.
- Zone Ogden Public Open House
 - The Planning Division hosted a successful [public engagement open house](#) at Union Station on October 22, sharing draft proposals for the new Unified Development Ordinance (Zone Ogden). Residents reviewed displays on residential and commercial zoning, landscaping, and infill standards, and provided valuable feedback that will guide the next draft (*photos above/right*).
 - [Standard-Examiner article: "Zone Ogden's public efforts entering final stages; officials anticipate council consideration of changes in spring 2026"](#)
- Landmarks Commission Meeting
 - On Oct. 23, the Commission approved the painting and restoration of doors/windows at 101-103 25th, along with a balcony railing modification at 144 25th.



Citizens engaging with city staff at Zone Ogden open house – Oct. 22



City Planning Director Barton Briefly talking with a citizen at the Zone Ogden open house – Oct. 22