

# Community & Economic Development Weekly Brief

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**November 17, 2025**

Weekly at-a-glance report from Ogden City's Community & Economic Development Department. Previous reports available on the [Community & Economic Development webpage](#).

## Airport

- The Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting for our new airport terminal expansion was held Friday (Nov. 14) – a major milestone that enhances regional air service, upgrades passenger amenities, and supports continued economic growth (*event photos right*).
  - The event drew a large crowd and featured remarks from Congressman Blake Moore, former NASA astronaut Charlie Precourt, Community & Economic Development Director Jared Johnson, Airport Director Brian Condie, and Mayor Ben Nadolski.
    - Mayor Nadolski shared, *"What an amazing day for Ogden! This isn't just about a new terminal – it's about creating a true gathering place for our community. The new Ogden Airport expansion represents growth, connection, and opportunity for all of us. We're thrilled to partner with Breeze Airways to welcome even more people to the happiest place on earth – Ogden, Utah! A big thank-you to everyone who made this project possible and to all who came out to show their support today. Together, we're building a brighter future for Ogden!"*
  - Sincere appreciation to those who helped make the event a success, including our Special Events and Communications teams, Visit Ogden, Airport staff, and KC Sanders from our Economic Development team.
  - A sample of media coverage for the event includes:
    - [Fox13 News: "Ogden Airport expansion is fresh start as city looks forward"](#)
    - [KSL News: "Ogden leaders unveil new airport terminal with an eye to new carriers and the Olympics"](#)
    - [Standard-Examiner News: "Officials cut the ribbon on Ogden Airport terminal expansion"](#)
    - [Breeze Airways Facebook post: "Breeze Airways is with FlyOgden"](#)
    - [Ogden City Mayor's Facebook post: "What an amazing day for Ogden!"](#)
- An Airport Tenant User Meeting is this Wednesday (Nov. 19) at the Kemp Gateway Building from 5:00-7:30 pm.



Area officials and Chamber Spikers at ribbon cutting for new Ogden Airport terminal expansion – Nov. 14



CED Director Jared Johnson speaking at Airport terminal grand opening



Congressman Blake Moore speaking at Airport terminal grand opening

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

- The [Plan Review](#) team has been preparing for the rollout of eReview, a new digital plan review platform that will streamline internal workflows and provide applicants with a more transparent, user-friendly experience.
  - Staff completed two in-depth training sessions last week to get familiar with the system, which will support digital submissions, live status tracking, and improved communication throughout the review process.
  - In addition to implementation prep, the team conducted several site and civil plan reviews for the Planning Division, including a notable review for a proposed 24-unit apartment project at 362 7th Street.
  - Reviewers also completed numerous construction plan reviews for both commercial and residential projects, ensuring timely approvals ahead of the winter season.
- Several [Building Permits](#) were issued last week, reflecting the continued diversity of development citywide:
  - A demolition permit for 2325 Madison Avenue has been issued, and the facility is now ready for tear-down.
  - A \$480,000 pool permit was issued for the *WonderBlock* development and construction can now begin.
  - A single-family dwelling permit was issued for 688 N Harrison Blvd. and is now under construction.
- A total of 217 [Building Inspections](#) were completed last week, with the most common inspections for:
  - Residential power to panel/service upgrades (27); residential final simple inspections (22); and residential re-roof inspections (16).
- 44 [Business Licenses](#) were processed last week. 18 were new businesses, including:
  - Bank of America, new facility at 368 12th Street
  - Sheridan's Home & Patio, warehouse and retail store at 884 W 2nd Street

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

- Staff participated in an Economic Mobility Partnerships roundtable event sponsored by United Way.
- Amendment #1 to the ConPlan and Annual Action Plan FY26 has been advertised and posted online for review during 30-day public comment period (Nov. 14–Dec. 14).
- Staff met with Ogden Housing Authority's Resident Advisory Board to review and to receive input regarding the proposed ConPlan and AAP FY26 Amendment #1.
- Annual Action Plan FY26 Amendment #1 will be presented to City Council with a work session discussion scheduled for November 18.



Mayor Ben Nadolski firing up the crowd gathered for the new Ogden Airport terminal grand opening – Nov. 14

- **Renovation/Resale Program:**
  - Renovations of the home at 1183 28th Street are complete, and a purchase offer has been received, and the home is now under contract.
  - Renovations are now complete for the home at 470 30th Street, and the property will be listed for sale shortly.
  - Renovations are currently underway for the home at 1065 21st Street.
  - Bids have been received for the renovation contract for the home at 2248 Van Buren and a bid award will be considered soon.
- **New Home/Infill Construction Program:**
  - Construction of the new home at 866 Cahoon continues, and completion is expected by the end of November.
  - The [bid package](#) for home construction at 862 Cahoon is now closed. Entering contract with homebuilder to proceed with construction.
  - Groundbreaking for the Innovative Technology home project with WSU and Nilson Homes was Nov. 13, and featured remarks from Mayor Nadolski.
- **Public Improvement Projects:** The demolition of the dilapidated facility at 2325 Madison Avenue is currently underway.
- **“Own in Ogden”** Down-Pay. Assist.: Since July; 21 loans funded, 30 apps. received. Program on hold until approval of AAP FY26 Amendment #1.
- **Emergency Home Repair Loan Program:** Five applications have been approved, with three projects now complete and two projects underway.
- **Home Exterior Loan Program:** Since July, 20 loans have been funded.
- **Volunteer Partnership Grants:** Since July, 14 volunteer projects have been approved and are underway.
- The Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Program currently supports 84 formerly homeless individuals. 24 households (65 individuals) receive rental assistance, and 19 participants receive supportive services—including job training/therapy to promote long-term housing stability.

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

- Last week, Union Station hosted six private events, two weddings, a school tour, and the *Jazz at the Station* concert.
- Led a Union Station facility tour for newly elected City Council members, highlighting the museums, historical collections, and our services.
- Hosted members of the Ogden Gun Club for a preview of upcoming changes to the Browning Museum, sparking positive discussion and valuable feedback on the goals for the exhibit, layout, and interpretive text.
- The Museum is welcoming Locomotive DRGW #133, now on loan for the next two years from the Promontory Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society, which recently acquired the engine. The diesel engine (EMD SW1200), built in 1965 for the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad, hauled freight across Colorado and Utah and should arrive at Union Station this weekend.
- Provided two FY26-27 Arts Grants workshops on November 12. The Arts Grants cycle is now open, and applications are due December 12.
- Supported the airport ribbon cutting and new terminal opening celebration on Friday (Nov. 14), orchestrating the event, décor and food (*event photo right*).
- The *Patterns* Community Art Show will open at the Station Nov. 21 through Dec. 29.
- The *Palette Club* Art Show 2025 is on display at Union Station through Nov. 29.
- Working on logistics/planning for the annual Electric Light Parade on Nov. 29.
  - Volunteers needed! Please go to: <https://ogdencity.gov/2615/Volunteer-Information>
  - *Standard-Examiner* article: [“Ogden’s Christmas Village nominated in USA Today contest”](#)



*Community members and regional stakeholders gathered for the new Ogden Airport terminal expansion grand opening – November 14*

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

- Participated in 47G’s “Zero Gravity Summit” where industry leaders, policymakers, and investors explored how to scale dual-use technologies, unlock commercialization pathways, and secure America’s technological edge.
- Met with multiple developers on several current/future redevelopment projects, including two potential commercial/mixed-use projects.
- Reviewed allocation options for RDA housing funds and updated the draft allocation priority policy for further consideration.
- Met with J. Fisher Companies staff to discuss potential business support resources for new tenants at *WonderBlock*.
- Escorted a group of company representatives from the U.S. and Mexico on a tour of potential Ogden sites for a new start-up venture.
- Met again with Alpha Pet Food Company to review facility needs and planned improvements, with additional follow-up actions scheduled.
- Facilitated our business loan committee meeting and developed a business loan delinquency/collection process draft for review/refinement.

## **Planning**

- **Mayor’s Administrative Review Meeting – November 13**
  - Nelson Subdivision – approved a small subdivision plat for a two-lot subdivision at 4450 Skyline Parkway. The proposal divides a 5-acre parcel into two lots and formalizes dedication of Skyline Parkway as an 80-foot-wide public right-of-way.
  - Business Depot Ogden (BDO), Plat 28 First Amendment – approved a subdivision amendment at approximately 940–1040 W 600 N to modify the lot line between Lots 67–68, allowing for future redevelopment and creation of 85.5-foot-wide shared driveway easement.
- **E-Reviews Training:** Staff participated in E-Reviews training to support the rollout of our electronic plan review/permitting platform, which focused on workflow coordination between Planning/Engineering/Building Services to improve review efficiency, transparency, and applicant communication. E-Reviews are expected to streamline the internal review process and reduce turnaround times for development applications.
- **Wasatch Choice Fall Workshop:** Planning staff attended the Wasatch Choice Fall Workshop, hosted by the Wasatch Front Regional Council. The workshop provided updates on regional transportation and land use integration, emphasizing transit-oriented development, housing coordination, and active transportation planning.
- **“Plan Ogden” Celebration Event – this Thursday** (Nov. 20) at 5:30 pm at Union Station
  - The event will celebrate milestones of the General Plan update and recognize contributions from community partners, advisory committee, and residents. All are invited to explore exhibits on plan themes – neighborhoods, mobility, economy, and environment – with interactive displays, maps, and refreshments. The event also marks the transition from community engagement to drafting the full plan for public review next spring.