

Community & Economic Development

Weekly Brief



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

Airport

- Hosted an appreciation luncheon last week for TSA agents, Air Traffic Control staff, and Ground Handling teams serving at our airport to thank them for their dedicated work throughout the terminal construction and their continued commitment during the recent government shutdown.
- Held an Airport User Meeting on November 19, offering tenants the opportunity to review ongoing and upcoming projects. Participants were also introduced to attorney Dana Farmer, the newest member of Ogden City's legal support team.
- Last week's airport staff meeting included the introduction of plans for a December time-motion staff study aimed at evaluating workflows and improving operational efficiency.
- Our airport hosted an Allegiant Airlines charter flight for the Northern Arizona Lumberjacks football team, traveling to Ogden for their matchup with the Weber State Wildcats on Saturday—where Wildcats claimed a 48–28 victory!
- Favorable weather conditions have allowed steady progress to continue on the west apron runway project.
- The basement restroom renovation project is progressing, with painting complete and tile installation now underway.
- A notice to proceed has been issued to Five Star Airport Alliance of Salt Lake City to install our new baggage carousel within 90 days.
- Delivery of the new Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) for the airport is scheduled for the week of February 16.
- Our new [airport terminal expansion](#) Grand Opening on November 14 continued to receive positive media coverage last week.

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

- The [Plan Review](#) team continued preparations for the upcoming launch of the new eReview software, testing and refining the system in a trial environment. Meanwhile, the team maintained a steady workload, completing development, commercial, and residential plan reviews as well as business license evaluations.
 - Development: Completed the site plan review for a proposed five-story hotel at *WonderBlock* – 235 25th Street (*rendering below*).
 - Commercial: Approved plans to enclose the garden room at the new apartment building at 872 25th Street—an important step in transitioning the building to unrestricted occupancy.
 - Residential: Reviewed plans for an 1,800 sq. ft. addition to an existing home—more than doubling its size. The project highlights ongoing residential investment in Ogden as homeowners continue to enhance their properties and strengthen neighborhood vitality.
- Several [Building Permits](#) were issued last week, reflecting diverse project types and investments:
 - A remodel permit has been issued for the MeriCal packing room at 986 W. 2nd Street.
 - A fire suppression system permit was issued for a new core and shell building at 940 W. 600 N.
- A total of 274 [Building Inspections](#) were completed last week across residential and commercial sites, with common inspection types including:
 - Residential final inspections (47), residential power-to-panel/service upgrades (36), and residential re-roofs (17).
- [Code Services](#) completed 2 transient-related cleanups and worked with the Fire Marshal and Business Licensing to help 3 hotels achieve compliance.
- A total of 13 new [Business Licenses](#) were issued last week, including:
 - Ogden Produce Company LLC, at 582 25th Street – a market and café offering prepared foods, market items and fresh local produce.
 - Chapter & Charm LLC, at 455 25th Street, Suite 9 – a boutique retail bookstore.



Rendering of proposed hotel at WonderBlock

Community Development (housing – neighborhood improvements)

- Presented the [Consolidated Annual Performance Eval. Report \(CAPER\)](#) and Annual Action Plan FY26 Amend. #1 during city council work session.
- The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) gave a [Sunset Review](#) of the achievements from the past five years during the city council work session.
- [Amendment #1 to the ConPlan and Annual Action Plan FY26](#) has been advertised/posted for 30-day public comment period (Nov. 14-Dec. 14).
- Renovation/Resale Program:
 - Renovations of the home at 1183 28th Street are complete, 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 soon.
 - 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 new home at 866 Cahoon is progressing, with landscaping underway, and is expected to be completed by the end of Nov.
 - The new home 862 Cahoon is in the permitting stage and construction is expected to begin in December.
- Public Improvement Projects: The demolition and cleanup of the dilapidated facility at 2325 Madison Avenue is currently underway.
- ["Own in Ogden"](#) Down-Pay. Assist.: Since July; 21 loans funded, 31 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)

- The Denver & Rio Grande Western #133 locomotive arrived at Union Station last week (*photo below*). On loan from the Promontory Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society, this SW1200 switch engine previously served in yard operations in Ogden and locations in Colorado.
- Met with leadership from Hill Aerospace Museum to discuss current/future development needs.
- Planned Union Station volunteer appreciation celebrations for Thanksgiving and end-of-year.
- Met with an anthropologist researching Irish Transcontinental Railroad workers to coordinate and support ongoing research efforts.
- Hosted the annual Community & Economic Development Department Chili Cookoff, along with two private events, at Union Station.
- Hosted our Planning Division's General Plan public engagement event in the Browning Theater.
- The *Palette Club* Art Show 2025 is on display at Union Station through November 29.
- The *Patterns* Community Art Show is now open at Union Station through December.
- Our Arts Grants cycle is now open for applications, with submissions due by December 12.
- The recent Mayors Awards in the Arts event was highlighted in a *Standard Examiner* article: "[Ogden City arts honorees announced](#)"
- Preparing the Amphitheater stage for this week's Christmas Village Gala performances and finalizing the performance schedule for December.
- Our annual **Electric Light Parade** is this Saturday (November 29). Volunteer to help at <https://ogdencity.gov/2615/Volunteer-Information>



New arrival at Union Station – DRGW #133

Economic Development (business support/development – redevelopment)

- Initiated a Business Retention and Expansion meeting with one of our large defense companies regarding their future expansion opportunities.
- Continued work on multiple redevelopment projects including enhancements to the RDA dashboard.
- Worked with property owners and several developers on potential new residential/commercial projects.
- Updated the RDA Housing Funds Allocation Policy and working on a transmittal to propose Council/RDA Board consideration.
- Working on communications to support our Management Services team and the managed downtown parking strategy.
- Updated the Economic Development Division Strategic Plan.
- Attended the new Homeless Veteran Fellowship housing program open house.
- Collaborated with our Communications team on airport promotional activities, and gathered Breeze Airways passenger feedback.
- Facilitated a site visit at our airport with the Utah Inland Port Authority team and reviewed potential cargo operations and regional logistics.
 - Going forward, Ogden Airport will be included in the Authority's regional site tours to promote new business opportunities.
- Participated in the Northern Utah Economic Alliance (NUEA) meeting and reviewed current development activities in the region.
- Met with U.S. Dept. of Labor reps. to discuss participation in upcoming Elevate Ogden Speaker Series on small business regulations and compliance.
- Participated in the Utah Business Magazine Conference, connecting with business leaders and entrepreneurs.
- Promoted the [Mayor's food drive](#) post, our [Plan Ogden Celebration](#) event, and the upcoming [State of the City](#).
- Participated in the 2025 Visit Ogden Annual Meeting and received updates on accomplishments, ski resort reports, and 2026 activity plans.
- Developing a comprehensive 10-year accomplishments report for our small business financial support activities, including success metrics.
- Partnering with our Special Events team to prepare for the State of the City event on January 8 at Union Station.
- Speaking at a county meeting tonight (Nov. 24) to support Powder Mountain's new Wolf Barn landing pad facility.
- Meeting next month with our Public Works, Communications, Facilities and ODA teams to enhance communications with our local businesses.

Planning

- City Council Meeting – November 18
 - Staff presented a [proposed zone change for 748 West 24th St.](#), recommending a change to Mixed Use, and Council approved the change.
 - Staff provided an update on the [Zone Ogden](#) project, discussing items such as household definitions.
 - Also presented the previously discussed [OGX Station Area Plan](#) for the Harrison Boulevard corridor, which promotes future transit-oriented land uses along the route. The City Council reviewed the proposal, listened to public comments, and adopted the plan.
- Planning Commission Meeting – November 19
 - The Commission reviewed the draft General Plan goals and policies, focusing on alignment with community priorities and the plan's overall vision. Their feedback will help refine the final document.
- "Plan Ogden" Community Celebration Event – November 20
 - Hosted the [Plan Ogden](#) celebration event at Union Station, which drew an impressive crowd of about 150 community members.
 - Attendees previewed the draft General Plan goals and shared feedback on the city's vision for the future.
 - A highlight of the evening was an immersive video experience that let participants visualize Ogden's future neighborhoods and community centers, generating strong engagement and enthusiasm for the city's planning efforts (*photo right*).



Planning Director Barton Brierley describing the immersive video experience to Plan Ogden event attendees – Nov. 20