

# 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

- The cargo apron project has paused for winter after making strong progress this season and remains positioned for completion next summer.
- Renovations to the basement restrooms are nearly complete, and the space is expected to reopen for use next week.
- Completed collection of activity data for the time-motion staff study, which will help evaluate workflows and improve operational efficiency.
- Since the airport terminal expansion ribbon-cutting last month, our [FlyOgden](#) Facebook page has reached more than 241,950 views and surpassed 3,000 followers. We appreciate the strong promotional support from our Economic Development and Communications teams.

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

- The [Plan Review Team](#) continued to process a steady volume of commercial and residential plan reviews, supporting development timelines and ensuring code compliance ahead of winter construction schedules.
- 28 [Building Permits](#) were issued last week, reflecting continued investment in public and private facilities. Examples included:
  - A permit for the baseball field lighting upgrade at Casteel Field, now ready to begin construction.
  - A remodel permit for the 3rd floor of the Municipal Building, currently under construction.
- 272 [Building Inspections](#) were completed last week across residential and commercial job sites. The most common inspection types included:
  - Residential final simple inspections (45); residential power to panel/service upgrades (34); residential 4-way inspections (17)
- 6 new [Business Licenses](#) were issued last week. Highlights included:
  - Flowers Bakeries Sales of Desert Mountain, LLC – a warehouse/distribution operation for baked goods at 575 North 530 West.
  - Culture Collective Pro LLC – office and creative rental space for photography, videography, and content creation at 175 25th Street.

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

- The 30-day public comment period for Amendment #1 to the ConPlan and Annual Action Plan FY26 concluded yesterday (December 14).
- Renovation/Resale Program:
  - Renovations of the home at 1183 28th Street are complete, a purchase offer has been received, and the single-family home is now under contract and scheduled to close by the end of December.
  - Renovations are complete for the single-family home at 470 30th Street and it is now listed for sale. [utahrealestate.com listing](#)
  - 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 Avenue and a bid award will be considered soon.
- New Home/Infill Construction Program:
  - Construction of new single-family home at 866 Cahoon Circle is now complete and it has just been listed for sale (*photo right*). [utahrealestate.com listing](#)
  - The new single-family home planned for 862 Cahoon Circle is in the permitting stage and construction is expected to begin this month.
- Public Improvements: Demo./cleanup of facility at 2325 Madison nearing completion.
- "Own in Ogden" Down-Payment Assistance: Since July, 21 loans funded and 31 applications received. Program is on hold until approval of AAP FY26 Amendment #1.
- Emergency Home Repair Loan Program: Since July, 5 applications have been approved, with 3 projects now complete and 2 projects underway.
- Home Exterior Loan Program: Since July, 20 loans have been funded.
- Volunteer Partnership Grants: Since July, 14 volunteer projects approved/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 and therapy.



*New home at 866 Cahoon Circle now listed for sale*



*Jazz at the Station – Dec. 10*

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

- Hosted another incredible [Jazz at the Station](#) performance last Wednesday (Dec. 10).
- Hosted the annual [Breakfast with Santa event](#) at Union Station on Saturday (Dec. 13).
- Our Amphitheater stage has been programmed several evenings each week and on weekends throughout December for Christmas Village.
- Working on Weber County RAMP Grants to support Arts and Museums Programming.

- The art exhibit, *Unseen Worlds*, is showcasing Ben Lomond High School's WSU ART1010 student work in the Myra Powell Gallery at Union Station throughout December and January.
- The application submission period for this cycle of our Arts Grants is now closed, with review and scoring of submissions to start this week.
- Final edits to the Olympic Mural and Kiesel Cable project RFQ's are being made in preparation for their release in early January.
- Preparing a Request-for-Qualifications to facilitate the selection of Ogden's new Poet Laureate that will replace Angelica Brewer in July 2026.
- Early planning is underway for a new Lester Park summer program, *Dancing in the Park*.
- Our annual Union Station Volunteer Recognition Luncheon is this Tuesday.
- [Winter Fest](#) returns this Saturday (Dec. 20) at the Museums at Union Station from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm, featuring family-friendly activities.

## Economic Development *(bus. support/development)*

- Our team reviewed construction progress on Williams International's major facility expansion, supported by Tax Increment Financing that will provide airport-area infrastructure upgrades and support approximately 300 new jobs *(photos right)*.
  - Appreciated Chamber President Chuck Leonhardt and Workforce Services Director Darren Rogers joining us on the tour.
- Met with an Ogden defense company considering expansion options.
- Continued progress on redevelopment projects and the RDA dashboard, and coordinated with our Communications team on RDA article for the City paper.
- Met again with a local property owner regarding a proposed 10-unit for-sale townhome development located in the Adams CRA.
- Facilitated our business loan committee meeting (Dec. 8).
  - Two Microenterprise business loan program applications were approved and we started on next steps for funding the new businesses.
- Promoting our next Elevate Ogden Speaker Series event, *Digital Strategy & Planning for Your Small Business*, scheduled for January 29 and featuring Nelson Altamirano, owner of Strategica Marketing Agency.
- Met with several potential business owners to offer start up support.
- Collaborated with Breeze Airways to promote Ogden Flights across multiple platforms and mediums.
- Met with social media influencers to share new development activities, including airport updates with an airport tower tour *(photo below-right)*.



Williams International team with Ogden City team – Dec. 12



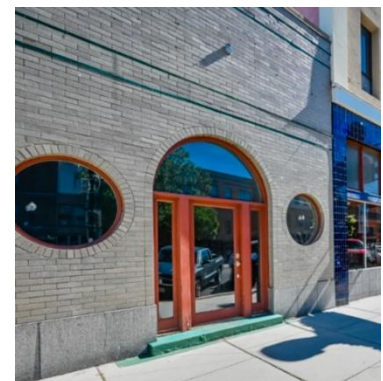
Williams International facility expansion tour – Dec. 12

## Planning

- City Council – December 9
  - The Council considered two zone change requests.
    - Approved a zone change at 1172 Porter Avenue to facilitate a for-sale townhouse project.
    - Tabled consideration of a zone change at 211 Patterson Street to allow a multi-household dwelling project.
  - The Council also considered the adoption of the Water Element related to the new General Plan.
    - Formally adopted the updated Water Element, which outlines long-range water resource management strategies, conservation goals, and infrastructure planning. The update brings Ogden's water planning into alignment with state requirements and integrates conservation targets with future land-use patterns.
- Board of Zoning Adjustment – December 10
  - The Board considered 2 variance requests related to the Beacon Hills project at 756 30<sup>th</sup> St.
    - Approved a request to modify walkway requirements due to topography.
    - Tabled a second request to modify parking requirements to allow the applicant additional time to provide supporting information.
- Landmarks Commission – December 11
  - The Commission considered several matters.
    - Approved certificate of historic appropriateness for the Merci Car canopy at the Station.
    - Approved the replacement of the front door of the Pearl Building at 124 25<sup>th</sup> Street.
    - Recommended approval of adding the Pearl Building to the National Register of Historic Places *(photo right)*.
      - This Pearl Building is the only example of an Art Moderne renovation on 25<sup>th</sup> St.



Ogden Airport tower tour for social media influencers – Dec. 12



Pearl Building – Art Moderne architectural style