

Community & Economic Development

2025 Highlights

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December 31, 2025 – YEAR IN REVIEW

At-a-glance [2025 highlights](#) from each Division of Ogden City's Community & Economic Development Department. Previous weekly editions are available on the [Community & Economic Development webpage](#).

Executive Summary: In 2025, Ogden City's Community & Economic Development Department advanced transformative projects across aviation, housing, arts, planning, and economic growth—highlighted by the completion of the new airport terminal, major redevelopment investments, expanded housing affordability programs, and city-shaping planning initiatives. Through strong cross-division collaboration, public engagement, and strategic partnerships, the department strengthened Ogden's economic resilience, cultural vitality, and long-term readiness for growth while improving customer service, infrastructure, and quality of life citywide.

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Airport Division

Division Summary: Over the past year, the Airport Division achieved major milestones highlighted by the successful completion and grand opening of the terminal expansion, significantly enhancing passenger amenities, safety, and regional economic impact while earning recognition as one of Utah's busiest commercial airports. Concurrently, the airport advanced strategic realignment, regulatory updates, rebranding, and partnerships to strengthen governance, attract future aviation opportunities, and position Ogden Airport for long-term growth.

January

- Groundbreaking ceremony to **launch the airport's terminal expansion** aimed at enhancing passenger convenience and supporting regional economic growth (*photo right*).
- AvFlight hosted a ribbon-cutting event for their **new FBO operations** at the Airport.



Airport Terminal Expansion Groundbreaking – Jan. '25
L-R: Brian Condie (Airport Director); Jared Johnson (CED Executive Director); Mara Brown (Chief Administrative Officer); Ben Nadolski (Mayor); Adam Nelson (Airport Deputy Director); Lynn Hinrichs (Airport Project Coordinator).

February

- Meet with the state's economic development team to review potential **electric aircraft** locations.
- Airport successfully passed Part 139 FAA Inspection.
- Completed the new concrete footings for the expanded terminal project.

March

- Hosted one of Utah's **first air taxi demonstrations**, in conjunction BETA Technologies, 47G, Utah Department of Transportation Aeronautics Division, and Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity.
- The airport **terminal expansion project advanced**, with completion of the concrete foundation and the start of the structural steel installation (*photo below-right*).
- Introduced a new logo (*shown below-right*) as part of full rebranding project.
- Received an award from the Utah Department of Transportation Division of Aeronautics for being the **third busiest commercial airport** in Utah, as measured by the number of flight operations during the previous year.



Structural steel being installed to support terminal expansion – Mar. '25

April

- Airport staff, tenants, Weber County representatives, City Business Licensing/Building Services/Permitting staff, all participated in an Airport RDA hangar review/evaluation.
- Hosted monthly airport user meeting, featuring discussions about strategic development, land lease policy, rates/fees, airport terms/definitions, minimum requirements, rules and regulations.

May

- In addition to current flights on Breeze Airways, **new flights on Wednesdays** were added to the schedule June, July, and the first week of August.
- Airport staff and the airport stakeholder group met about advancing our primary guiding documents.



New airport logo

- Airport management met with UDOT Aviation Department representatives to **highlight improvements and progress** made since the previous legislative review.
- Met with the FAA Obstruction Evaluation Group to assess the 261-foot crane at the America First Credit Union building site in Riverdale and review alternative measures to ensure airport and pilot safety.
- The terminal expansion project progressed, with roofing and front masonry work underway and exterior sheathing nearing completion.

June

- **Key milestones were achieved on the terminal expansion** including masonry work completion, new glass installation, water main relocation, drywall installation, and fire sprinkler system installation (*photo right*).
- Work continued on airport rebranding/image activities, including new signage design, xeriscape landscaping, new perimeter fencing.
- Facilitated a well-attended airport stakeholders/users meeting and appreciated Mayor Nadolski's participation.
 - The airport layout/strategic plan was presented, as well as the airport mission, vision, and core values.
- Supported the FAA as they were on site scoping out the new tower project location and performing utility survey work.



Ogden Airport expansion construction – June 20, 2025

July

- Worked on **strategic and operational realignment** requirements for the airport in order to:
 - Ensure clear governance and operational clarity; improve operational efficiency; align management practices with aviation industry best practices; improve transparency and accountability; and define strategic focus to align with city vision/values.
 - Related *Standard Examiner* article: "[Ogden City Council to consider policy changes pertaining to airport](#)"
- Presented multi-month project to consider the operational realignment of city code for airport operations during the city council work session.
 - Related *Standard-Examiner* article: "[Ogden City Council hears first discussion on proposed airport policy changes](#)"
- The **terminal expansion project continued on schedule** with the completion of most interior painting and data cabling installation, as well as ongoing exterior concrete work and paving.



Ogden Airport exterior, showing new facade and paving – Aug. 1, 2025

August

- Our Annual FAA Periodic Inspection was successful, with numerous **improvements** and previous **corrective actions completed ahead of schedule**.
- The proposed Airport Title 8 ordinance change updates, specifically those related to Minimum Standards, were reviewed/approved during by the city council.
- Progress continued on the terminal expansion project, including completed landscaping and floor polishing, IT and fire sprinkler system upgrades, power connections to the new additions, and exterior concrete work and paving.
- Our Fire Department helped install new seating in the terminal passenger waiting area.
- The new REIL (Runway End Identifier Lights) have been installed on the approach to Runway 17, enhancing safety and ensuring compliance for aircraft landings.



Interior east view out the front doors of the new Ogden Airport terminal addition – Sept. 15

September

- The **terminal expansion project reached substantial completion** ahead of schedule, and contractors worked on completing minor updates.
- Public use of the new front airport entrance started September 19.
- The Runway 3-21 sealcoat project is completed.
- Demolition of the hangars at the future new tower site is completed.



Restored sign inside new airport terminal

October

- A new sign with the updated airport logo was installed to greet travelers as they exit flights and enter the terminal.
- The iconic letters from the original Ogden airport tower were restored and installed inside the new terminal (*photo right*).
- New black wrought-iron fencing was installed along the west side of the terminal, replacing the old chain-link fence and enhancing overall appearance.
- Remodeling of the basement bathrooms at the airport started.
- Air passengers were welcomed on Halloween by airport staff in *Star Wars* costumes, creating a festive atmosphere and photo opportunities for travelers. [[FlyOgden Facebook](#)]
- CED Exec. Director Jared Johnson presented "Ogden Airport-Strategic Updates for Regional Impact" to Northern UT Economic Alliance Advisory Board (*photo right*).



Mayor Nadolski (left) and CED exec. director Jared Johnson (right) presenting an update about the Ogden Airport improvements at the NUEA meeting – Oct. 30

November

- The **Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting for our new airport terminal expansion** was held November 14, marking a major milestone in enhancing regional air service, passenger amenities, and economic growth (event photos right and below).
 - 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. The new Ogden Airport expansion represents growth, connection, and opportunity for all of us. 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!"
 - Appreciation was extended to all partners who helped make the event a success, including our Special Events and Communications teams, Visit Ogden, Airport staff, and KC Sanders from the Economic Development team.
 - Sample media coverage for the airport terminal expansion event included:
 - [Breeze Airways Facebook post: "Breeze Airways is with FlyOgden"](#)
 - [Ogden City Mayor's Facebook post: "What an amazing day for Ogden!"](#)
 - [Fox13 News: "Ogden Airport expansion is fresh start as city looks forward"](#)
 - [Standard-Examiner: "Officials cut the ribbon on Ogden Airport terminal expansion"](#)
 - [KSL News: "Ogden leaders unveil new airport terminal with an eye to new carriers and the Olympics"](#)
 - Hosted an appreciation luncheon to thank TSA, Air Traffic Control, and Ground Handling teams for their dedication during terminal construction and the government shutdown.



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



Congressman Moore at terminal opening



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

December

- In the month following the terminal expansion ribbon-cutting, **FlyOgden's Facebook page reached more than 241,950 views** and surpassed 3,000 followers, supported by strong collaboration with our Economic Development and Communications teams.
- Following months of coordination to secure consistent rental car service at the airport, Young Subaru successfully launched on-site rentals with its first vehicle rented.
- Met with Hertz Car Rental, which committed to a full-time, on-site employee at the airport to support daily operations.
- The airport reinstated paid parking, which had been paused during terminal expansion construction, and launched the City's Passport parking app at a rate of \$5 per day.
- The downstairs airport restroom remodel was completed.
- Following strong progress, the cargo apron project entered a winter pause and remains positioned for completion next summer.

Building Services Division

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

Division Summary: During 2025, the Building Services Division supported strong residential and commercial growth by processing thousands of permits, inspections, plan reviews, and business licenses while advancing major housing, industrial, and redevelopment projects citywide. At the same time, the division improved customer service and efficiency through expanded online licensing, updated review standards, cross-department collaboration, and continued investments in staff training and modernized digital tools.

January

- We welcomed our new **Building Services Division Director**, Christian Stucki (photo right), to the Ogden City team.
- The Union Walk building on 25th Street started construction again after being demolished in 2024.
- Supported our Fire Department for the 22nd Street City Walk apartments construction site fire activities.
- January Activity Summary: Business Licenses – 35; Building Permits – 190; Building Inspections – 812



Christian Stucki, Building Services Division Director

February

- All code services officers completed their required FEMA trainings.
- Business Licensing began offering limited **online business license applications** to enhance customer service.
- February Activity Summary: Business Licenses – 67; Building Permits – 196; Building Inspections – 534

March

- The independent/professional business online license application went live on our OneStop site.
- The Plan Review team completed 92 **multi-department reviews** for commercial and residential projects, coordinating with Planning, Engineering, Fire, and Water Quality to ensure compliance with state and city codes before returning consolidated correction comments to applicants.
- Business Licensing worked with IT to provide CED administration with downtown employee numbers to support managed parking plan activities.
- Demolition of the City Walk apartments on 22nd and Grant (after arson) was completed and a building permit for the re-build was activated.
- Framing started on the reconstructed Union Walk apartment building development on 25th Street.
- Code Services supported preparations for the *My Hometown Day of Service* by generating property lists and helping to coordinate improvement efforts.
- March Activity Summary: Business Licenses – 68; Building Permits – 217; Building Inspections – 865

April

- The Plan Review team completed construction plan reviews for three of the four re-submitted apartment buildings in the Riverwalk Phase III project at Wall Avenue and 18th Street.
- The plan review team updated activities to the current Utah adopted 2021 International Residential Code plan review guide.
- Our Code Services team conducted walks along 25th Street to remove signage illegally posted on street light poles.
- Code Services conducted a walking patrol of Fort Buenaventura looking for illegal camp sites and litter/debris needing to be cleaned up.
- A group clean-up effort by Code Services produced approximately 280 pounds of garbage.
- The Plan Review team completed 98 **multi-department reviews** for commercial and residential projects—including permits, zoning approvals, subdivisions, and business licenses—coordinating across Building Services, Planning, Engineering, Fire, and Water Quality to ensure compliance with state and city codes prior to approval.
- April Activity Summary: Business Licenses – 55; Building Permits – 301; Building Inspections – 1,017

May

- Williams International's **new company facility expansion/addition** was permitted to prepare for the start of construction.
- Riverwalk Phase 3 residential development was permitted for construction.
- A new storage unit development at 650 W 21st Street was permitted for construction.
- With support of OPD, Code Services conducted an abatement that **cleaned up a property and helped the surrounding neighborhood** on Tyler Avenue.
- Business Licensing worked closely with airport staff to coordinate and unify our licensing processes.
- Our team removed over 300 pounds of illegally dumped materials from various locations across the city.
- The Plan Review team completed construction plan review for the Ogden Towns development at 335 7th Street, which will add 36 new townhomes and expand affordable housing options in the area.
- The Plan Review team completed the final re-review for a six-story, 160,000-square-foot apartment building at 2633 Adams Avenue that will add 101 market-rate units with amenities that will strengthen downtown and the art district.
- Our Plan Review team expedited two additional revisions for the Hunters Landing apartment project at 407 W. 12th Street. Now nearing occupancy, the project set a departmental record with 21 plan reviews, reflecting both its complexity and the persistence of the team and applicant.
- Construction plans were approved for Ogden's first single-family home requiring a full fire sprinkler system, developed in coordination with the Fire Marshal due to site topography and limited fire access in the Sunset Ridge subdivisions, and reviewed for compliance with NFPA 13D standards.
- Our plan review team completed revision reviews that were submitted by the developer for the re-construction of City Walk, the 5-story apartment building located at 2261 Grant Avenue that was previously destroyed by fire while under construction.
- May Activity Summary: Business Licenses – 69; Building Permits – 313; Construction Plan Reviews – 121; Building Inspections – 935

June

- Business Licensing worked closely with our Fire Marshals, Building Inspectors, and Building Officials to help several new restaurants meet tight opening deadlines.
- Code Enforcement conducted an abatement and secured a challenging property near 9th Street and Monroe Avenue.
- The revised plans for the reconstruction of City Walk at 2261 Grant Avenue were approved.
- Final plan review was completed for a significant residential apartment building project at the former Wangsgards Market site at Washington Boulevard and 2nd Avenue.

- Business Licensing staff participated virtually in the Utah Business License Association (UBLA) Conference, gaining insights into recent legislative updates and regulatory changes presented by various state agencies.
- Code Services Officers engaged with multiple property owners and local organizations to promote code compliance.
 - In particular, staff participated in coordinating efforts with *My Hometown*, connecting residents to support services that help resolve property maintenance issues without resorting to citations or abatements.
- Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Peters, partnered with several city departments last week to address concerns raised by the Engineering Division. These cooperative efforts reflected our commitment to proactive problem-solving across departments.
- Our Plan Review Team approved construction plans for the first four of 16 new single-family homes in the East Lynne Subdivision near 2nd Street, advancing expanded homeownership and neighborhood revitalization.
- June Activity Summary: Business Licenses – 83; Building Permits – 267; Building Inspections – 1,015

July

- Business owners operating home businesses were able to **start applying for a Home Occupation Business License directly through the CSS Portal**, offering increased convenience and accessibility.
- The [Hunter's Landing](#) apartment project at 407 W. 12th Street was completed and officially approved for occupancy, adding 154 needed new residential units to Ogden's housing inventory.
- A new \$5 million construction project at 330 Stewart Drive in the [Business Depot Ogden](#) (BDO) was permitted.
- Construction permits were issued for WonderBlock Buildings A and B, paving the way for another 159 new residential units to begin construction.
- July Activity Summary: Business Licenses – 99; Building Permits – 269; Building Inspections – 1,066

August

- Our team **updated our online building permit application checklists to make them more project specific and user-friendly**, which will streamline the process and reduce turnaround time for applicants.
- A \$1.5 million building permit was issued for renovations for Young Hyundai at 3315 Wall Avenue.
- Our Plan Review Team completed the next phase of construction plan review for Williams International's major expansion at 3450 Sam Williams Drive.
- Final plan review was completed and approved for a new 127,000-square-foot speculative building at 330 Stewart Drive in Business Depot Ogden (BDO).
- Several single-family home construction plans were reviewed/approved, reinforcing ongoing efforts to meet our community's growing housing needs.
- Business Licensing finalized a **new process** in collaboration with our Police Department that will **allow business license applicants who require a BCI** (Bureau of Criminal Identification) background check to **complete that process locally through OPD**—adding convenience and efficiency for applicants.
- Our Plan Review Team completed the review for the interior tenant build-out at [Beehive Meals](#)' new Ogden Business Exchange (Stockyard) location.
- Plan Review staff participated in a training session focused on International Residential Code (IRC) townhouse separation wall requirements.
- Building Services participated in our Business Development team's inaugural *Elevate Ogden Speaker Series* that focused on new entrepreneurs.
 - Business License Supervisor Marqae Martinson walked attendees through the licensing process and offered tips for ensuring timely approvals.
 - Division Director Christian Stucki gave an overview of when building permits are required for new businesses.
- A final building permit was issued for the Enduro Townhome project on Canyon Road, which will contribute 160 new residential units to Ogden's housing.
- A \$2.49 million electrical permit was issued for upgrades at Williams International, and work was approved and started.
- A building permit was issued for a new airport hangar at 3695 Airport Road for [Borsight](#), signaling additional aviation-related development at the Airport.
- August Activity Summary: Business Licenses – 76; Building Permits – 253; Building Inspections – 1,327

September

- A mechanical permit was issued for a significant HVAC upgrade at the downtown Courtyard by Marriott (247 24th Street).
- Highlights of recent Plan Review Team reviews included:
 - Focus Manufacturing, a metal fabrication company planning to remodel space at BDO Building 550; a new market proposed for the existing building at 3087 Washington Boulevard; a churro vendor tenant improvement at Rancho Market, 905 26th Street.
- A structural plan review was completed and permit issued for Alphia, a pet food manufacturer located at 29th Street and Wall Avenue.
 - The project included extending/raising the facility's processing stacks to assist in odor mitigation for the surrounding neighborhood.
- Code Services worked through the early phases of Go-Gov, our **new software platform that will allow residents to submit service requests** directly to city staff – which is expected to improve communication and response between the city and the community.
- Our Plan Review Team participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Q25 housing project.
 - It was rewarding to see this project come full circle—from reviewed plans to completed development.
- We appreciated Mayor Nadolski's visit last week with our Building Services, Planning and Business Information Teams to express appreciation for our customer process improvements and the positive feedback he's been hearing about our customer support efforts (*photo right*).
- September Activity Summary: Business Licenses – 90; Building Permits – 260; Building Inspections – 1,184



Mayor Nadolski speaking to Building Services, Planning and Business Information Teams – Sept. 17

October

- At Business Depot Ogden, YaYa Foods completed another phase of plan review as part of their continuing facility and operations expansion.
- A new home reviewed on Quail Run Drive will be featured in next spring's Parade of Homes, highlighting high-quality residential construction on Ogden's east bench.
- A large-scale fire suppression system upgrade was permitted for the Williams International facility expansion.
- A tenant improvement project for a new coffee shop at the former Bingham Cyclery building (1895 Washington Boulevard) was approved. This project joins other recent additions to the area, including Taboo Pizza and Black Sabbath BBQ.

- A tenant improvement permit for Precision Hermetics (801 Depot Drive) was issued and construction on the project started.
- A remodel permit for our Recreation Office (1875 Monroe Boulevard) for ballistic glass system installation was issued.
- A tenant improvement permit for YaYa Foods wastewater treatment addition was issued, supporting their operations expansion.
- October Activity Summary: Business Licenses – 56; Building Permits – 233; Building Inspections – 1,483

November

- The Plan Review team prepared 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.
- Completed the site plan review for a proposed five-story hotel at *WonderBlock* – 235 25th Street.
- Code Services completed two transient-related cleanups and worked with the Fire Marshal and Business Licensing to help three hotels achieve compliance.
- November Activity Summary: Business Licenses – 55; Building Permits – 173; Building Inspections – 1,060

December

- We presented the **Message Establishment Ordinance** to the City Council and the new ordinance was approved/adopted.
- Code Services and Business Licensing held a joint training session to align procedures on overlapping case types.
 - The session focused on maintaining consistency in documentation, processing, and follow-up across both teams.
- Plan Review staff participated in continuing education through the Bonneville Chapter of the International Code Council's 32nd Annual Educational Institute to maintain state licensure and stay current with evolving code standards.
- December Activity Summary: Business Licenses – 34; Building Permits – 167; Building Inspections – 966



Community Development Division

(*housing – neighborhood improvements*)

Division Summary: Over the past year, the Community Development Division advanced housing affordability and neighborhood revitalization by delivering new infill homes, rehabilitating existing properties, expanding down-payment and home repair assistance, and supporting hundreds of residents through rental assistance and homelessness prevention programs. In parallel, the division strengthened long-term housing capacity through strategic planning, public infrastructure improvements, leveraged partnerships, and the successful completion of major affordable and supportive housing developments across Ogden.

January

- Completed and **sold two new homes** located in the Sycamore Cove infill neighborhood – Quincy Street (*photo below*) and new Cahoon Circle.
- **Completed renovations** of the home located at 450 30th Street.
- Construction of the 56 unit “Solace” Permanent Supportive Housing Complex at 31st and Lincoln was completed.
- Construction on the final phase of the [Towns at 24th](#) for sale **market-rate townhomes was completed** and most units were sold.
- 28 “Own in Ogden” loans have been funded since the beginning of fiscal year 2025.
- 24 “HELP” home renovation loans have been funded since beginning of fiscal year 2025.
- 10 Volunteer Partnership Grants funded since the beginning of fiscal year 2025.
- 75 homeless individuals are housed through TBRA program with the Ogden Housing Authority.



New Sycamore Cove homeowners – 2343 Quincy

February

- Construction of a new home at the Sycamore Cove infill neighborhood started.
- Ongoing renovation work was done on the historic home located at 2329 Quincy Street.
- **Sales of the final phase of the Towns at 24th Street townhomes to new homeowners are completed.**
- Our Community Development team hosted a series of homeownership preparation classes as part of the “My Hometown Initiative Homeownership Program Series”.
- 32 “Own in Ogden” loans have been funded since the beginning of fiscal year 2025.
- 25 “HELP” home renovation loans have been funded since the beginning of fiscal year 2025.
 - All funds for this popular program except for Utility repairs were now expended for fiscal year 2025.
- 10 Volunteer Partnership Grants funded since the beginning of fiscal year 2025.
- 75 homeless individuals are housed through TBRA program with Ogden Housing Authority. Four households completed one year in the program and were approved for a second year.
- Provided support for The Lantern House “Point in Time” homeless count.
- Provided technical assistance to Weber-Morgan Health Department to promote the success of the “Healthy Homes Program.”
- Provided technical assistance to a local lender to increase streamlining the “Own in Ogden” program.

March

- Community Development staff serve on the Weber County Homeless Charitable Trust, and the Trust provided \$50,000 for emergency rental assistance, administered by OWCAP, and reported that 25 households received emergency rental assistance and avoided homelessness.
- Construction of the new home at the Sycamore Cove infill neighborhood continued.
- Exterior and interior finishes continued for the LIHTC housing at 25th Street and Quincy Avenue.
- Our Community Development team continued hosting a series of homeownership preparation classes.
- 33 “Own in Ogden” loans have been funded since the beginning of fiscal year 2025.
- **Sale of the renovated home** located at 450 30th Street was **completed**.

April

- Construction of a new home at the Sycamore Cove infill neighborhood continued.
- **Renovation of the historic home** at 2329 Quincy Street was **completed** and it was **sold** to a new homeowner (*photo right*).
- **Renovation of the home** at 2823 Eccles Avenue was **completed**.
- Framing was completed on the Silvercrest Apartment complex, a 52-unit low-income senior housing project at 2650 Grant Avenue.
- Renovation of the home at 1183 28th Street continued.
- 40 “Own in Ogden” loans have been funded since beginning of fiscal year 2025.
- Ogden City’s Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program (TBRA) has assisted 73 formerly homeless individuals with one-year rental housing leases.
 - Two households in April (6 households in total) have successfully completed one year of TBRA with supportive services and have been approved for a second year of rent assistance.
 - One head of household, working toward financial self-sufficiency, enrolled in an O-Tech College trade program, paid for by our TBRA program.
- Staff facilitated a joint project that **leveraged Ogden City Emergency Home Repair grant** funds with **Weber County Healthy Homes grant** to assist a low-income homeowner with emergency sewer line repairs.
- Staff promoted and attended the “Own In Ogden” program at Key Bank’s Homebuyer Community First Mortgage Program event.
- Staff consulted with HUD to identify potential projects for the use of CDBG CARES Act funds.



Renovated historic home at 2329 Quincy Street

May

- Construction of a new home at the Sycamore Cove infill neighborhood continued.
- Renovation of the home at 1183 28th Street continued.

The recently **renovated home** at 2823 Eccles Avenue was **sold** to a new homeowner (*photo right*).

- 42 “Own in Ogden” loans have been funded since the beginning of fiscal year 2025.
- 18 Volunteer Partnership Grants have been funded since the beginning of fiscal year 2025.
- The City Council **adopted the 5-year consolidated plan** FY26-30 & AAP FY25.
- The “My Hometown Initiative” **completed 93 community projects** citywide in May.
- Staff attended the Weber County Homeless Charitable Trust Board meeting and received full support from the Trustees for the city’s plans to utilize CDBG CARES Act funding for eligible public improvements.



Renovated and sold 2823 Eccles Avenue

June

- **Construction of new home** at the Sycamore Cove infill neighborhood (874 Cahoon Circle) was **completed and sold** to a new homeowner (*photo right*).
- Construction of another new home at Sycamore Cove has started.
- **Renovation of the home** at 2654 Brinker was **completed** and listed for sale.
- Renovation of the home at 470 30th Street continued.
- Renovation of the home at 1183 28th Street continued.
- 50 “Own in Ogden” loans have been funded since the beginning of fiscal year 2025.
- 20 Volunteer Partnership Grants have been funded since the beginning of fiscal year 2025.
- The Planning Commission **approved** the preliminary plat for the **future infill subdivision** located at 605 N. Jackson Avenue.
- ConPlan 21-25 Amendment #2 was approved by the City Council, allocating CDBG CARES Act funding to support the city’s public infrastructure.
- Staff provided technical assistance to OWCAP in preparation for their upcoming Renter Open House public event – led by a panel of housing experts to enhance tenant education.
- Partnered with OgdenCAN to provide community homeownership and rental information at a public meeting at Lester Park.



New home completed and sold in Sycamore Cove – 874 Cahoon

July

- Three “Own in Ogden” loans have been funded since beginning of fiscal year 2026 (July 1, 2025).
- Three Volunteer Partnership Grants have been funded since the beginning of fiscal year 2026.
- 30 “HELP” home renovation loans have already been funded since the beginning of fiscal year 2026.
- Ogden City’s Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program (TBRA) currently aids 85 previously homeless persons (including dependent children), with 17 previously homeless persons housed at Solace.
- Construction for sidewalk improvements in two East Central neighborhoods started.
- Fox13 News featured an **article** about our “**Own in Ogden**” Down-Payment Assistance program: [“Ogden expands home buying assistance program with additional funding”](#)

August

- **Construction was completed** on the **new LIHTC housing** at 25th Street and Quincy Avenue (*photo right*).
- Construction of a new home at Sycamore Cove continued.
- The **recently renovated** and listed **home** at 2654 Brinker was **sold** to a new homeowner.
- Nine “Own in Ogden” loans have been funded since the beginning of fiscal year 2026 (July 1, 2025).
- Three Emergency Home Repair Loans were approved.
- Three Volunteer Partnership Grants have been funded since the beginning of fiscal year 2026.
- Eleven more “HELP” home renovation loans were funded.
- In preparation for demolition and eventual redevelopment, asbestos removal was initiated at the former Aspen facility.
- Staff, as a Trustee, attended the Weber County Charitable Trust meeting to review seven applications received for a new grant that will fund homeless solutions for Weber County’s homeless systems.
- Staff received certification at the HOME partnership grant training in SLC.
- Ogden City’s **Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy** Area (NRSA) was **approved** by HUD. The NRSA provides the City with greater flexibility for the use of CDBG funds, with less HUD reporting requirements and with the targeting of CDBG funding to distressed neighborhoods for the next five years.



New Q25 Development

September

- Construction of a new home at Sycamore Cove continued.
- The **renovation of the home** at 1183 28th Street was **completed** and the home was listed for sale (*photo right*).
- 20 “Own in Ogden” loans have been funded since the beginning of fiscal year 2026. The program was placed on hold until additional funding is approved.
- 10 Volunteer Partnership Grants have been funded since the beginning of fiscal year 2026.
- 19 “HELP” home renovation loans have been funded since the beginning of fiscal year 2026.
- Community Development team member, Cathy Fuentes, received certification as a HUD HOME Grant specialist.
- Staff met with representatives from the Governor’s office and other UT Legacy cities to discuss strategies for utilization of UT Legacy funds for housing.
- **Construction is complete** on the CDBG CARES Act funded sidewalk **improvements** on **Jackson Avenue**. The sidewalk improvements at Lester Park are underway.



Renovated home at 1183 28th Street

- A [ribbon-cutting event](#) was held for “**Q25**,” a new 175-unit multi-family LIHTC **housing project** at Quincy Avenue and 25th Street built by J. Fisher Companies (*photos right*).
- Presented an [Affordable Housing Funding Tools](#) review during the city council and planning commission joint work session.
- Community Development hosted an information booth on HUD programs at the *You Make Ogden* event at Union Station, receiving public feedback on the City’s upcoming HUD Plan Amendment.

October

- Construction of new home at Sycamore Cove continued.
- The renovation of the home at 1065 21st Street continued.
- 21 “Own in Ogden” loans have been funded since the beginning of fiscal year 2026. The program is on hold until additional funding is approved.
- 14 Volunteer Partnership Grants have been funded since the beginning of fiscal year 2026.
- The public improvement projects – **sidewalks in two east central neighborhoods** – was **completed**.
- Staff attended the Utah 21st Annual Homelessness Conference to participate in identifying homelessness solutions.
- The [Middle-Income Housing Program Guidelines](#) were presented by staff to the city council and the related resolution was **approved**.
- The demolition contract for the facility at 2325 Madison was awarded, with demolition to begin in November.
- Our Community Development Director Jeremy Smith (*pictured right*), Planning Director Barton Brierley and Mayor Nadolski, met with the *Standard-Examiner* editorial board on Oct. 8 to discuss housing challenges and opportunities. Their conversation was featured in an Oct. 15 article titled ["Officials speak about encouraging home ownership and out-of-the-box solutions to housing stock woes."](#)



Ribbon-cutting event for Q25 – Sept. 10



Jeremy Smith, Community Dev. Director, speaking to Standard-Examiner – Oct. 8

November

- Request for Proposal to develop **605 North Jackson infill development awarded** to Nilson Homes.
- **Construction of the new home** at Sycamore Cove was **completed** and the home was listed for sale.
- Bidding for the construction of additional homes at Sycamore Cove started.
- 21 “Own in Ogden” loans have been funded since the beginning of fiscal year 2026. The program is on hold until additional funding is approved.
- 20 “HELP” home renovation loans have been funded since the beginning of fiscal year 2026.
- 5 Emergency Home Repair applications were approved, with three projects completed and two projects underway.
- 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.
- 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.

December

- The recently **completed new home** at Sycamore Cove (866 Cahoon) is **under contract to be sold**.
- A bid was awarded to build an additional new home at Sycamore Cove.
- **Renovations for the home** at 470 30th Street were **completed** and the home was listed for sale (*photo right*).
- 21 “Own in Ogden” loans have been funded since the beginning of fiscal year 2026.
- 20 “HELP” home renovation loans have been funded since the beginning of fiscal year 2026.
- 39 previously homeless households (73 persons) are currently receiving TBRA.
- 5 emergency home repair projects have recently been completed. Four projects leveraged Weber County Healthy Homes Program funding.
- Demolition and cleanup of the dilapidated facility at 2325 Madison was completed.
- City Council held a public hearing and approved adoption of AAP FY26 Amendment #1.
- 39 previously homeless households (73 persons) are currently receiving HOME Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) and are in stable housing. Five previously homeless households successfully remained housed for two years with assistance from TBRA.
- Five emergency home repair projects have recently been completed. Four projects leveraged Weber County Healthy Homes Program funding.



Renovated home – 470 30th Street

Cultural Services Division

(arts – events – museums – Union Station)

Division Summary: During 2025, the Cultural Services Division strengthened Ogden's identity as a regional arts and culture hub by delivering a robust calendar of festivals, concerts, exhibitions, and community events while expanding public art, advancing museum planning, and elevating Union Station as a premier gathering place. Simultaneously, the division preserved and interpreted Ogden's history through museum upgrades, artifact restorations, grants, and professional recognition, supporting both cultural tourism and community engagement.

January

- Our First Friday Art Stroll (*photo right*) of the year received some nice coverage on KSL TV – [First Friday art strolls prove to be difference-maker for Ogden artists](#)
- Supported the Mayor's Office for the big State of the City event.
- **Selected the artists** and final designs for the public **art murals** for the new **Marshall White Center**.
- Hosted/partnered with **Skin it Tattoos** for the annual **Tattoo Winter Convention** at Union Station.
- **Completed the Union Station Car Museum updates** with new car and exhibit layout and hosted a public reception (*photo below-right*).
- Completed the inventory/physical reorganization of the component parts for the **Denver & Rio Grande Western #223 locomotive**.



February

- Participated in the Cultural Advocacy Day at the State Capital.
- Completed the artist contracts for this year's Utility Box Art project.
- **Hosted** the Ogden Downtown Alliance's annual **Winter Market** events every Saturday in February at Union Station.
- Partnered with the Tim Tebow Foundation and the Genesis Project to **host** the **Night to Shine** special needs youth prom event at Union Station.
- **Hosted** the **National History Day** competition for Ogden School District at Union Station.
- **Hosted** the **Miss Rodeo Utah Fundraiser** activity at Union Station.
- Facilitated Ogden's **Black History** exhibit at Union Station and the related Jones Family Reception.
- Met with the Union Station Campus Advisory Committee to provide updates on current museum activities and campus development plans.
- Facilitated the replacement of the main electrical transformer and switchgear for Union Station.
- Kicked off our **new museum planning workshop** with our consultant – HGA + Roto.
- A great story came out about Ogden's unique art scene: ["How this Utah Ski Town became an Unexpected Arts Destination"](#)



Volunteers and staff at ribbon-cutting and reception for the updated Union Station Car Museum – Jan. 2025

March

- Started planning activities to support upgrades to the Browning Firearms Museum. This will be a year-long project to update and reinterpret exhibits with funding from the Union Station Foundation.
- Submitted a General Operating Support Grant for Utah Arts and Museums to support utilities and museum staffing.
- **Hosted** the annual **Hostler's Model Railroad Festival** and the annual **IF4 Fly Fishing Film Festival** at Union Station.
- Introduced the Ogden Twilight 2025 Concert Series schedule.
- Our museum development consultants, HGA+Roto, **met with city leadership** and Design Workshop to **align priorities** for the proposed **new museum**.
- Met with Urban Archive, our digital photo collection app company, to talk about strategic use. We **reached over 35,000** individuals with our **historic content** in 2024.

April

- Selected **artists** LaToya Peoples and Damon Lamar Reed both **worked** at the soon to be opened [Marshall White Center](#) on their **public art projects**.
 - After nine full days of work, Damon Reed **completed his stunning mural** at the entry of the new facility (*photo right*).
- The Ogden Poet Laureate's **Ogden Poetry Festival** was **held at the Junction**.
- A news story about our Merci Car restoration project was featured in the *Standard-Examiner*: ["Almost ready–restoration of Utah's Merci Car reaches home stretch"](#)
- Roof replacement work on the west side of the Union Station building started.
- **Hosted** the "Remembering Ogden's Downtown" program at Union Station.
- Our **museum development** consultants (HGA/Roto) conducted their second in-person **workshop**, engaging staff, volunteers, educators, and funding partners to review site planning options and gather feedback on current concepts.



New mural at the entry of the new Marshall White Center – by Damon Reed

May

- Coordinated/**hosted** a community driven **market event** at the Station to support Weber State's **Special Olympics**.
- Coordinated and hosted the Ogden Fire Awards Ceremony, delivering a professional, well-organized event that honored first responders and provided a meaningful experience for attendees.

- Hosted Union Station's "[Annual Living Heritage Festival](#)" – a family event full of culture, history and fun – celebrating the rich heritage of our community.
- A new art installation, entitled *This Was Water*, opened at the Dumke Arts Plaza with a reception and performance.
- Participated in the Weber School District STEM Olympiad with an activity booth. We reached 650 students and their families with an engaging learning activity about the mechanics of steam engines.
- Hosted our Economic Development team's three-day **Acceler8 Wasatch defense industry event** at Union Station.
- Hosted Ogden School's week-long **Festival of the Arts** elementary art show at Union Station, featuring performances/artwork from 500-plus students.
- The **new art projects** at the Marshall White Center were **viewed by the public** for the first time during the ribbon-cutting for the new facility.
 - See the [KSL news story: "Ogden leaders unveil..."](#)
- Collaborated with the ConsultEcon firm to analyze and provide attendance impact data as part of operational assessments for the Station and Museums.

June

- The first concert of this year's [Ogden Twilight Concert Series](#) was held at the Amphitheater.
- Facilitated June's First Friday Art Stroll, along with Ogden Downtown Alliance's Historic 25th Street Car Show and The Monarch's Two-Bit Moto Show.
- Successfully **hosted** another annual [Tattoo Convention](#) at Union Station.
- Union Station proudly **hosted** the [Utah Fashion Show](#) for the first time – a high energy, collaborative runway event spotlighting top local designers, models, performers, and creatives.
- Nominations for the [Mayor's Awards in the Arts](#) opened for the community to nominate a creative or arts organization making a difference in the arts.
- Several of the **Utility Box Art Wraps** were **installed** around town.
- A [nationwide RFQ](#) for the art project for the third-floor stairwell in the city municipal building was released.
- We **signed off on the completion** of the **Merci Car's restoration** in Cheyenne. Work was completed successfully to our specifications, including treatments to wood structure, paint, metalwork, roof restoration, and symbolic plaques. We look forward to its return to Ogden as we work with contractors to lay rail for its new location just south of Union Station.
- We received the **newest addition** to our **train collection**, the Western Pacific Caboose #438. Built in 1955, it was recently acquired from the Inland Northwest Railroad Museum by the Union Station Foundation. It is currently on display, paired with our Western Pacific locomotive #3002 (photo right).



Western Pacific Caboose #438 – now at Union Station

July

- Opened our new art exhibit, "Wondrous West," which highlights vintage artworks about America's National Parks/landscapes – and the creation of our national identity.
- Opened the new art exhibit at Union Station, "For the Love of Wildlife and Wildlands."
- Supported several more Ogden Twilight Concerts.
- The [Ogden Shakespeare Festival](#) was July 20-21 at the Ogden Amphitheater.
- The annual [Ogden Arts Festival](#) returned again to Union Station.
- Hosted our **RAMP Free Summer Saturday** at Union Station, featuring our new Western Pacific Caboose #438 (photo above).
- Presented the FY26 Arts Grants to the City Council in public session, and the resolution to fund the grants was **adopted**.

August

- Supported our sixth, seventh and eighth [Ogden Twilight Concert](#) of the season at the Amphitheater.
- Worked on the America250 Committee communications to prepare to represent Union Station's America250 initiatives.
- Facilitated a Union Station walkthrough with our internal redevelopment team – to support plans for Station updates, transportation changes, facility uses going forward as part of the Union Station Neighborhood development.
- Ogden Arts was **awarded a two-year operating support grant** from the Utah Division of Arts & Museums; \$33,000 per year for a total of \$66,000.
- **Completed updates** in our **collections management software** from Nomenclature 2.0 to 3.0, manually updating terminology on over 3,000 museum artifacts. This change makes our database more searchable and is required for conversion to cloud-based software.
- Hosted a successful **RAMP Day event**, teaching kids about Ogden's historic theaters and actors. There were 67 programs and 734 museum attendees.
- Our **museum consultant** (HGA) **hosted** their **final pre-design workshop**, and follow-up re-designs were provided to our team.
- The **Marshall White Center**, including the new facility's **art installations**, was **featured** in the [Jul/Aug. edition of Utah Construction & Design](#).

September

- Received a donation of historic Ogden photos from our Planning Division team from the 1950s-1980s – a period not well documented in our archives.
- Hosted a teacher training and tour for National History Day (NHD), encouraging teachers to use local museums and special collections for student projects. NHD 2026 will be participating around the America250 theme in Ogden.
- Ogden Downtown Alliance held its final Farmers Market of the summer, and included a very successful [1st Annual Dogden](#) event.
- Ogden Downtown Alliance's annual [Harvest Moon Festival](#) was held on historic 25th Street.
- The Ogden Raptor Vintage Flea Market was held at Linquist Field.
- We wrapped up the Ogden Twilight concert season.
- Hosted the third annual [Amy Armstrong Symposium](#), bringing firefighters from across Utah to Union Station for advanced training.
- Successfully hosted the [You Make Ogden](#) public open house highlighting the ongoing design process for the Union Station Neighborhood.
- Launched multiple September social media campaigns that boosted engagement and visibility for Union Station programs, history, events, and partners—reinforcing the Station's role as a cultural hub and community gathering place.

October

- Attended the Utah Museum Association Conference in Kanab, the state's largest gathering of museum professionals. Museum staff participated in professional development sessions focused on collections care, grant writing, and public programming.
- Participated in the Community Civics Family Festival to promote our upcoming exhibit, *Voices and Votes: Democracy in America*.
- Our **Museum Administrator**, **Hope Eggett**, gave a **presentation on Ogden's history** to visiting **students from Hof University** in Germany.
- Represented the Museums at Union Station at Utah Valley University's *Roads to History* Conference, engaging students with new learning opportunities.
- Participated in the First Friday Art Stroll with open exhibits at Union Station.
- Poetry at the Park Fest was held at the Main Library (instead of Lester Park due to weather).

- Hosted multiple community events, including the Ogden Shakespeare Festival, and led four group tours of the Union Station facility.
- Facilitated the quarterly Union Station Engagement Group meeting at Union Station.
- “Music at The Collective” was held at The Local Artisan Collective in The Junction.
- Ogden Downtown Alliance held its last Fall Market of the season.
- **Exhibition changes for the Browning Museum** are anticipated in early 2026, with funding received from the Val Browning Foundation.
 - Planned changes were presented to Union Station staff and volunteers.
- Our **Museum Administrator, Hope Eggett**, presented at Wesleyan University’s Center for the [Study of Guns and Society annual conference](#) in Connecticut, highlighting **new theories in displaying firearms** based on her experience from redesigning the Firearms Museum at Union Station.
 - Hope’s presentation received high praise from fellow scholars. Jennifer Tucker, the organizing director of the conference, wrote “It’s one of the most thoughtful discussions I’ve heard about planning around a future museum firearms exhibition (and I’ve heard a lot!)”
- The **Nine Rails Creative District**, including the Dumke Arts Plaza, Corner Plaza, and the 25th Street Improvements between Washington and Adams – was honored with a **Merit Award in Urban Design** by the American Society of Landscape Architects.
- The [Olympic Mural Public Art project](#) plan was presented/approved by the City Council.
 - [KSL article: "Ogden officials ok plans for Olympic themed mural!"](#)
- Hosted “Dia de los Muertos” at Union Station – attracting a large crowd.
- Prepared for the implementation of the **updated Browning Firearms exhibit** in early 2026, including **meetings with signage printers**, finalizing **exhibit text**, and coordinating logistics.
- Announced the future of **Denver & Rio Grande Western #223 Locomotive**, which will be restored to operation by the [223 Locomotive Foundation](#) in CO and eventually housed at the CO Railroad Museum – a project two years in the making, **shaped by public input** and collaboration (photo right).
- Four responses were received to the RFP for the construction of the cover for the restored Merci Car.

November

- Six outstanding **community members** were honored during the **2025 Mayor’s Awards in the Arts**, at the Browning Theater in Union Station (photo right).
 - [Ogden City Arts Facebook post with award recipient details](#)
 - [Standard Examiner article: "Ogden City arts honorees announced"](#)
- Met with scholars from Utah’s Voices and Votes Exhibit Committee as preparations continued for the Smithsonian’s *Museums on Main Street* exhibition, which is set to open in October ‘26 with accompanying local programming and community stories.
- Presented museum operations/program updates to the Union Station Foundation.
- An article about our utility box art project was featured in the *Standard-Examiner*: ["Utility Box Art Project complete, public celebration in spring"](#)
- 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.
- **Supported the airport ribbon cutting** and new terminal opening event celebration with planning, décor and food.
- The **Denver & Rio Grande Western #133 locomotive** arrived at Union Station (photo right). 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.
- Our annual **Electric Light Parade and Christmas Village Opening Gala** was successfully held on November 29, drawing strong attendance to start the season (photo below-right)!

December

- Hosted the **Craft Lake City Holiday Market** at Union Station.
- This month’s First Friday Art Stroll included Union Station activities such as community voting for the *Patterns* Community Art Show.
- Opened a new art exhibit, *Unseen Worlds*, showcasing Ben Lomond High School’s WSU ART1010 student work in the Myra Powell Gallery at Union Station throughout December and January.
- Hosted our Police Department’s holiday party and our Public Works’s holiday party at the Station.
- Met with Utah Humanities staff to discuss communications and publicity plans for Union Station’s hosting of *Voices + Votes*, a Smithsonian Museums on Main Street exhibit scheduled for late 2026.
- Our **Amphitheater stage** was **programmed** several evenings each week and on weekends throughout December for **Christmas Village**.
- Hosted another incredible [Jazz at the Station](#) performance at Union Station.
- Hosted the annual **Breakfast with Santa** event at Union Station.
- The **Landmarks Commission** reviewed and unanimously **approved** the plan for the **new Merci Car canopy cover**, and the Certificate of Historical Appropriateness was received.
- Opened a new exhibit, *2026 Chinese New Year Paper-Cutting Exhibition: Year of the Horse*, in the Gallery at the Station. Created by students in the Weber School District Chinese Immersion Program (grades 2–12), the beautiful exhibit celebrates Lunar New Year traditions. On display throughout February.
- Hosted **WinterFest 2025** at Union Station. In partnership with seven community organizations, the event brought children and families together for festive activities that strengthened community connections.
- Final edits to the Olympic Mural and Kiesel Cable project RFQ’s were made in preparation for their release in early January.



Denver & Rio Grande Western #223 locomotive hand-off for restoration from Ogden City to 223 Locomotive Foundation. Pictured L-R: Hope Eggett (city museum administrator), Mayor Ben Nadolski, Jimmy Booth (president, 223 Locomotive Foundation), and Ray Bjerrum (secretary, 223 Locomotive Foundation)



Lorie Buckley, City Arts Administrator, speaking at the Mayor’s Awards in the Arts – Nov. 6



New arrival at Union Station – DRGW #133



Mrs. Claus/Santa (and fans) after Electric Light Parade – Nov. 29

- We honored our Union Station Museums volunteers at the annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon, recognizing 2,522 hours of service contributed in 2025 (photo right).

- Our volunteers help create a welcoming, educational experience for every guest exploring Ogden's history.
- While the state placed a value on our volunteer service hours at \$86,882.90 last year, the impact on our community is truly priceless.



Museums Volunteer Luncheon – Dec. 16

Left to right: Mayor Nadolski, Hope Eggett (museum administrator), Union Station Volunteers (12), Jared Johnson (community & economic development exec. director), Christy McBride (cultural services director)

Economic Development Division

(business support and recruitment – development – redevelopment)

Division Summary: Over the past year, the Economic Development Division strengthened Ogden's economic momentum through business recruitment and retention, major redevelopment financing and project delivery (including the Forest Service Building acquisition and continued progress on *WonderBlock* and Union Station planning), and targeted industry growth in aerospace/defense and advanced mobility. The division also expanded small business support, convened high-impact partnerships and events (notably Acceler8 Wasatch and the Federal Employee Resource Connection Forum), and advanced key RDA actions to improve long-term tax base, infrastructure, and site readiness citywide.

January

- The Ogden/Clearfield metro area was **recognized** as the **Second Best Performing City in the U. S.** by the Milken Institute!
- Supported the first downtown parking stakeholder committee meetings.
- Participated and **exhibited** at the 47th Annual **Utah Aerospace Day** at the State Capital.
- Significant Business Retention/Expansion visits included meetings with Blue Diamond, Bechtel, Apogee Worx and Systemic Formulas.
- Participated in Utah Redevelopment Association's legislative efforts, communicating with administration and proposing changes to HTRZ legislation that would benefit our future redevelopment project areas.

February

- Worked with Weber County and Ogden School District on their needed amended interlocal agreement approval for the Airport CRA and RDA projects.
- Supported the signing of an MOU between 47G and BETA Technologies to support the development of Advanced Air Mobility in Utah.
- Participated in the Wall Avenue Corridor Plan advisory committee meeting to review additional redevelopment options.
- Reviewed the FRA Long-Distance Service Study on Amtrak passenger rail, requested federal representative support, and added the topic to the Union Station campus redevelopment agenda.
- Presented to the RDA Board the amended interlocal agreement for the Airport CRA, a budget amendment for the Adams CRA, two participation incentive agreements, and the RDA Annual Report.
- Significant Business Retention/Expansion visits included meetings with Hyperthreads, White Clouds, NorAm Cylinders and Kord Defence.
- Participated in the "Meet the Military – Military Day on the Hill" event at the State Capital (photo right).
- Supported additional downtown parking stakeholder committee meetings.
- Connected the Ogden School District with aerospace industry partners to support their new StarLab program.
- The City Council and RDA Board **adopted a resolution** authorizing a sales tax pledge agreement, **setting bond issuance parameters to support acquisition of the historic Forest Service Building**, and scheduled a public hearing for March.
- **Initiated a community support rapid response team** to develop an activity/plan to respond to potential **Federal Employee layoffs**, prepared news releases and started weekly meetings to prepare for an April community event.

March

- **Prepared** a Resolution/Ordinance/Transmittal for **Dissolution of five termed-out RDA project areas** (opening full increment benefits to taxing entities).
- Exhibited at the Utah Manufacturing Day on the Hill at the State Capital.
- Worked with Union Station campus market study consultant on proposed project scope for a study to support the master plan process.
- GSA counter **signed** our offer to **purchase** the **Forest Service Building** and the RDA Board **approved** the associated **bond parameters agreement**.
- Continued to work on activities to support the redevelopment of the Capital Square area, including potential HTRZ application, meetings with a potential developer that owns parcels at the site, and next steps related to needed environmental remediation at the site.
- The RDA Board **adopted** the **amended the interlocal agreement** between the **RDA** and Weber County authorizing the **sharing of tax increment** in the **Airport CRA**.
- The RDA Board **approved** the **participation agreement with Williams International** through the Airport CRA to support significant expansion at their Ogden site, **creating more than 300 new high-wage jobs and generating \$1B in investment** in the coming years.
- We **hosted** BETA Technologies, 47G, the Utah Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity, Weber County, and partners to **celebrate Utah's first air taxi** (photo right)—an important milestone advancing clean, electric air mobility and strengthening Northern Utah's role in the aerospace and defense sectors.
- Two loan agreements were executed via our small business loan program.
- Met again with our Union Station development team and reviewed the Wall Avenue study meeting with UDOT, market study consultant teams, museum planning process, etc.
- Met again with our community Rapid-Response Team to continue to develop our activity and communication plans to respond to the expected Federal Employee Layoffs. We are working toward a Federal Employee Resource Connection Forum on April 23 at the O-Tech College event center.
- Reviewed/formatted our Weber County Auditor's March 700 Report for Tax Year 2024; the basis for submission to the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity – RDA Annual Report.



Governor Spencer Cox, Kelli Pendleton (Assist. Econ. Dev. Director-Ogden City), Jennie Taylor (Major Brent Taylor Foundation)



BETA Technologies advanced electric aircraft at Ogden Airport – Mar. 2025

- Our assistant division director, Kelli Pendleton, was able to meet with a number of key individuals and companies last week at the [2025 AUSA Global Force Symposium and Exposition](#) in Huntsville, Alabama.
- Our team supported the [Ogden-Weber Chamber of Commerce annual awards gala](#), celebrating small and large companies in our area.
- A good article regarding the status of our *WonderBlock* joint-venture development with [J. Fisher Companies](#) was published in the *Standard-Examiner*: ["WonderBlock development remains on-time ..."](#)

April

- Celebrated the **groundbreaking for Williams International's expansion** project, which will create more than 300 high-wage aerospace jobs and over \$1 billion in investment. Our RDA is supporting this project with a **TIF incentive** through the Airport CRA, most of which **will fund infrastructure improvements** to benefit Williams and other businesses in the area (2 photos right and below).



Williams International groundbreaking with company and city staff – Apr. 2025

- Prepared and **closed on the Forest Service Building purchase** and continued planning for its redevelopment. ABC4 news story at: ["Ogden-purchases-historic-building"](#)
- Met with Hydro-jug and initiated several other business retention and expansion visits with local companies.
- Continuing to work on details for our upcoming [Acceler8 Wasatch event](#) (May 13-15). Met with a defense prime about participating in a panel discussion and to learn more about any potential expansion or relocation efforts.
- Completed HUD Requirements for five business loan borrowers, processed loan draw requests and closed on a Technical Assistance project for a business.
- Met with downtown hotel management and communicated with impacted businesses regarding Electric Alley parking arrangements.
- Represented Ogden and our airport at the [MRO Americas](#) convention – which brought together airports from across the nation to showcase their innovation, teamwork, and regional significance.
- Met again with our community stakeholder **Rapid-Response Team** to prepare for our upcoming **Federal Employee Resource Connection Forum**.

- Followed up with the distribution of the final event flyer (shown right), [news release](#) distribution, [social media posts](#) and emailed participation invites to area businesses and organizations.
- [Standard-Examiner: "Ogden-community-partners-to-host-career-transition-resource-connection-event-for-federal-employees"](#)
- Presented the proposed **Adams CRA budget amendment** at the County Commission work session and Ogden School Board meeting; the Commissioners provided feedback for consideration and the **School Board voted to approve**.
- Presented updates regarding Union Station master plan activities to the Union Station Campus Advisory Committee.
- Hosted a member of the 2034 Winter Olympics committee.
- Participated in the Ogden-Weber Chamber of Commerce Business Forum.
- Participated in the [ribbon cutting event for Blue Diamond Industries](#) at BDO.
 - We helped facilitate the company's site selection activities to expand their operations to Ogden last year.
 - The company will bring **92 new jobs, \$30 million in investment**, and cutting-edge HDPE conduit manufacturing to our community.
- Hosted our **"Federal Employee Resource Connection Event"** at O-Tech (pics below).
 - More than **400 employees participated** and we had nearly **20 local businesses/organizations host information tables**, including those with open jobs and support staff to help with resume preparation.
 - Mayor Nadolski welcomed everyone, and our marketing team provided free headshot photos to attendees to assist with their job searches.



Ogden City team at Williams International groundbreaking event – Apr. 2025

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FEDERAL EMPLOYEE CAREER TRANSITION & RESOURCE CONNECTION EVENT

Wednesday, April 23 • 5:00-7:30 pm
Ogden-Weber Tech College Event Center
200 Washington Blvd., Ogden
(Follow event signs on campus)

Are you a federal employee affected by recent or likely upcoming layoffs? Don't miss out on this opportunity to explore new career or education paths and connect with valuable support resources – right here in our community! Register Today: OgdenCareers.eventbrite.com (Walk-ins also welcome)

Event Highlights:
Connect with employers and resource partners who understand the importance of providing accessible and comprehensive resources during this challenging time

- Learn about local employers
- Review and apply for jobs
- Resume preparation assistance
- Complimentary head shot photos
- Unemployment registration
- Community resources for food/housing/utility support
- Business start-up information
- Info. from occupational certification and academic advisors

Event Partners:

Promotional flyer for Ogden City's Federal Employee Career Resource Event



Mayor Nadolski at Federal Employee Resource Event



Hiring Employer at Federal Employee Resource Event



Ogden City HR at Federal Employee Resource Event

- Participants were positive about the event and media coverage was good.
 - [KSL article: "Several-hundred-Ogden-IRS-workers-take-part-in-job-event"](#)
- Community event partners included: Ogden-Weber Tech College, Weber State University, Ogden-Weber Chamber of Commerce, Utah Workforce Services, Weber County, United Way of Northern UT, and Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity.
- Met with City Council executive leaders to outline plans for updating our RDA Mission and Values statements.
- Closed three business loan projects that completed their HUD requirements.
- Hosted meetings with the Federal Defense Innovation Unit and the Air Force Office of Special Investigations.
- Attended the Utah Alliance for Economic Development meeting, which included a presentation from the 2034 Winter Olympics CEO Brad Wilson, along with a nice shout out to Ogden for how we are preparing for the Games.
- Met with Ogden Downtown Alliance to prepare plans to address summer activity parking challenges.

May

- Connected with the Salomon company leadership and toured their Factory Outlet facility, gaining deeper insights into their operations and impact in Ogden.
- Met with downtown property owners regarding options for maximizing their retail/commercial space.
- We were **excited to host** the second annual **Acceler8 Wasatch event** (*promotional flyer right*), bringing together industry, government, and education partners to strengthen Northern Utah's aerospace and defense industry. The event was a **big success**, with **300+ attendees and great media coverage**. We appreciated the support received from our event partners and the Union Station team!



WSU team at Federal Employee Resource Event



Ogden team w/WSU leader at Federal Employee Event

- Event sponsors/exhibitors included: [47G](#), [AFWERX](#), [Anika Systems](#), Bonham Commercial, BreakLine, [CatTongue Grips](#), [Cordin Scientific Imaging](#), [Davis Tech College](#), Duct-Aid, [GMRE](#), Herrick Industrial, Hill Air Force Base, [Impact Systems Engineering](#), [Intralog](#), [Kihomac](#), [LSI](#), Neumont Education, Northern UT Economic Alliance, [Ogden Air Logistics Complex](#), Ogden-Weber Tech College, Richard Manufacturing, [Summit V](#), [UT Depart. of Workforce Services](#), Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity, UT Innovation Ctr., [UT MEP](#), [Utah State University](#), [VPI Technology](#), [Wasatch Container](#), [Weber State University](#), [Williams International](#), and [World Trade Center Utah](#).
- Media coverage included:
 - [Fox 13 News: "Acceler8 Wasatch conference shows off Ogden aerospace industries"](#)
 - [Business Utah: "Acceler8 Wasatch brought together leaders in aerospace and defense"](#)
 - [Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity Post: "Acceler8 Wasatch strengthening Utah's position in aerospace and defense"](#)
 - [Tech Buzz: "Charting Utah's Aerospace Future -- Inside Acceler8 Wasatch event"](#)
- Social media numbers about the event included more than 40 posts, 1,540 engagements, and 42,000 post impressions.
- The **County Commission approved the Adams CRA Budget Amendment**.
- We presented at the **RDA Board** of Directors meeting and the Board ...
 - Held the Adams CRA Budget Amendment public hearing and **passed a Resolution adopting the Adams CRA Budget Amendment**.
 - Considered/**passed Resolutions approving Amended Interlocal Agreements** between the Agency and Weber County, Ogden School District, and Ogden City. The Interlocal Agreements authorize the **sharing of tax increment in the Adams CRA**.
 - Considered/**passed a Resolution** to execute the terms/conditions of a **participation and incentive agreement with Alpha-Adams Ave., LLC**.
- Met with Hanson Federal Building management and toured the facility with a potential government agency occupant.
- Participated in and supported several managed parking discussions, and met with local federal agency managers regarding parking needs and potential solutions in our new parking facility.
- Presented the [Redevelopment Agency Tentative Budget FY2025-2026](#) review during the City Council/Redevelopment Agency Board work session – including a review of current project area activities and potential projects in our redevelopment pipeline.
 - Priority (this year)
 - Existing Community Redevelopment Areas
 - Additional Adams CRA projects
 - New Airport CRA projects
 - New Housing and Transit Reinvestment Zones
 - Capital Square HTRZ (concept planning phase)
 - Union Station Campus HTRZ (master planning phase)
 - Pipeline
 - Potential Community Redevelopment Areas
 - 5-Points CRA, 24th Street/I-15 Interchange CRA, Gibson CRA/FHZ, and several other areas.
- Supported an Ogden area tour with Olympic Committee staff to highlight all that our city has to offer.
- Met with Alpha company management and reviewed company operations, challenges, opportunities, community engagement, and communication protocols.



Promotional flyer for Ogden's Acceler8 Wasatch aerospace and defense event



Union Station Campus concept rendering

June

- Reviewing the draft Market Study for the Union Station Campus/Neighborhood development project, and requested specific industry updates.
- **Developed** and emailed our **quarterly Economic Development Newsletter** to our business database list.
 - Featured articles included: [Second Annual Acceler8 Wasatch Week](#), [Business Licensing Update](#), [Williams International Groundbreaking](#), [Blue Diamond Industries Ribbon Cutting Ogden City's Concept Review Team](#), and Business Information Center's Speaker Series info.
- **Toured integrated research and training facilities** in Charlotte, NC as precedent for developing a **high-performance sports training facility** in Ogden.
- Completed and presented three business loan modification requests to our loan committee, and processed two additional business loan applications.
- Met with three newly licensed business owners to provide information on our business loan program and assess additional new business support needs.
- Met with our extended Union Station Campus development team to review priorities and next steps.
 - Participants included: Design Workshop, J. Fisher Companies, UTA, Enbridge, UDOT, Ogden City Planning/Museum/Traffic/Engineering/Parking/Economic Development, and HGA Museum Consultants.
 - Primary topics included: Concept C and the initial master plan activities; Wall Avenue study outcomes thus far; high-level development estimates (# residential/commercial units); utility infrastructure capacity and needs; market study (initial positive outcomes); transit and parking needs; and new museum concepts/needs.
- Developed a draft agenda for the new Hill Industry Partner Exchange event (May 2026) and reviewed with event steering committee.
- Supported the *You MAKE Ogden* open house featuring an update on the *WonderBlock* project. Thanks to J. Fisher Companies for an informative presentation! The positive *Standard-Examiner* story about the event can be viewed at: ["City happy with current WonderBlock progress ..."](#)
- Business Retention and Expansion visits included:
 - [Borsight](#) – landing a new defense contract that could mean growth at their Ogden facility; [Hampton Inn](#) – new leadership team; and [Alpha](#) – community collaboration opportunities (photo right).
- Completed/submitted the **RDA Annual Report** to the [Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity](#).
- Supported media communications regarding redevelopment options for the historic Stock Exchange Building.
 - KSL article: ["Ogden ... to rehab ... Exchange Building"](#); KSL radio: [Midday w/Maria Shilao ... Exchange Building Interview](#) (at 1:33).
- Our Ogden-Clearfield market statistical area was **named #2 for the Best Business Climate Metro Rankings** in the [Business Facilities Magazine](#)
 - Article: ["2025 Metro Rankings: Established, Emerging Markets ... Lead Economic Growth"](#).
 - LinkedIn Post: ["2025 metro rankings -- leading economic activity"](#)



Alpha management w/City Economic Development team – June 25, 2025

July

- Received **approval from the RDA Board** on the **dissolution of five expired RDA project areas**.
 - These project areas have **catalyzed significant new investment** and are now (and going forward) **resulting in increased property values** and tax revenues to Ogden City, Ogden School District, and Weber County.
- After satisfying the public input period, we prepared to execute the amended interlocal agreements to increase the budget capacity for the Adams CRA, as well as the participation agreement for the new market rate Malakite Apartments and the Utah Power & Light Building redevelopment project.
- Met with Council administration to further review and refine our RDA mission and values communications.
- Hosted a site visit with a Norwegian company to review potential operations at the Ogden Airport.
- Engaged with a Canada-based advanced mobility aircraft company considering Ogden as an expansion option.
- Participated in a USA Bobsled / Skeleton event at the Utah Olympic Park to discuss preparation items for the 2034 Winter Olympics.
- [ENVE Composites](#), a high-performance bike component manufacturer in Ogden, was recently featured during the Tour de France broadcast (Stage 10 – July 14 | Time Stamp: 3:09 | Segment: "Tech Talk" – ENVE Wheels), bringing positive visibility to Ogden's manufacturing excellence on the global stage.
- Attended the grand opening of [Wellers Bistro](#), a new restaurant on 25th Street at [The Monarch](#).
- Hosted the USA Bobsled/Skeleton CEO and Head Coach in Ogden, and introduced them to the Mayor to prepare for the 2034 Olympics.
- Our development team met with the Union Station Advisory Committee and provided museum and overall development plan updates.
- Our Economic Development team, in collaboration with the Utah Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity, led an impactful **site selection tour** through Southern California.
 - The journey kicked off aboard Breeze Airways' direct flight from Ogden Airport, where we conducted an in-flight passenger survey, and were thrilled to hear enthusiastic feedback about the quality and convenience of flying from Ogden.
 - We met with innovative companies in advanced manufacturing, aerospace, defense, life sciences, and more.
 - All businesses we engaged expressed interest and intent to follow up with visits to explore potential growth opportunities in Ogden.
 - Adding an international dimension to the trip, we also connected with the British Consulate, who expressed strong interest in facilitating the expansion of UK-based companies into Ogden.

August

- Worked with a developer to progress design concepts and financial models for a mixed-use development at Capitol Square.
- Economic Development Division Director, Sara Meess, decided to leave Ogden City after 12 years to start a new position at [The Nature Conservancy](#).
- Participated in the **Union Station Neighborhood design charrette** with the project team, focusing on updating the preferred concept based on new information from the Wall Avenue study, museum planning and market study. Discussion also considered **project phasing and funding requirements**.
- Initiated Business Retention and Expansion visits with several local companies to learn more about their challenges and opportunities, and how we can support, including Scott USA, who is considering expansion of its corporate headquarters at Business Depot Ogden, potentially growing their workforce from 35 to 60 employees. [LinkedIn post](#)
- Initiated Business Retention and Expansion visits with several companies, including Scott USA, which is exploring expansion of its Business Depot Ogden headquarters and potential workforce growth from 35 to 60 employees.
- Met with the president of BioUtah about the potential to collaborate to increase the growth/strength of Ogden's life sciences industry. [LinkedIn post](#)

- Worked with staff from several divisions to **document/map our interdepartmental new business start-up support process**.
- Worked with Economic Development Corporation Utah and the Governor's Office of Economic Development to close recent project files and gather details to support site selectors visiting Ogden. We have 19 active development projects we are tracking with a potential of up to 6,986 future job opportunities.
- Hosted Ogden Valley Adaptive Sports to explore potential collaboration opportunities and establishment of an Ogden office.
- Facilitated our **first Elevate Ogden Speaker Series event** – “An inside look at our City’s Concept Review Team” for new businesses (photo right). Special thanks to our partners from Building Services, Business Licensing, Planning and Engineering.
- Met with the **River’s Edge project** developers and reviewed project funding model and updated renderings. The final plat for the project should be approved soon and **construction is expected to start during the first quarter of next year (2026)**.
- Participated in the County’s Weber Block development presentation and partnership discussion.
- Met with the Chamber of Commerce director to review potential opportunities for collaboration to support business development.

September

- Hosted a site visit for an Advanced Air Mobility company evaluating Ogden for future aviation operations.
- Continued outreach to Hill AFB, Ogden Air Logistics, MITRE, Space Dynamics, and Guidehouse; building momentum in defense and aerospace innovation.
- Ongoing marketing and tenant recruitment for WonderBlock, positioning the new development as a vibrant mixed-use anchor in downtown Ogden.
- Supported business communications related to Electric Alley construction updates.
- As part of National Composites Week, we celebrated Ogden’s leadership in composites for aerospace, defense, energy, and transportation by spotlighting local companies with manufacturing and research excellence.
- According to Global Location Strategies latest industry report, Ogden ranked #1 in Food Manufacturing across the Southwest Region (LinkedIn post), affirming our strength in production, logistics, and workforce readiness.
- We highlighted the announcement that the Raindance Film Festival plans to establish its new U.S. home in Ogden.
- Our Economic Development Division’s LinkedIn account has gained 790 new followers so far this year, representing a 48.1% increase, driven by our team’s compelling outreach and storytelling, sparked by KC Sanders and Meg Sanders. View our page
- Arranged a meeting with Fresenius Medical Care leadership, toured their impressive facility, and discussed plans for current and future operations and growth (photo right).
- 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.
- Met with **Utah State University** staff and students in Logan to review outdoor recreation industry support efforts and explore partnership opportunities to attract industry growth, including a potential business start-up incubator.
- Participated in a strategic briefing with the 309th Software Maintenance Group at the Ogden Air Logistics Complex, joining regional and state partners to explore collaborative opportunities.
- Engaged with over 150 aerospace and defense contractors at the annual F-16/TA-TCG Worldwide Review at the Eccles Conference Center. Mayor Nadolski opened the event with a strong message about collaboration and opportunity.
- 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.
- Participated in the invitation-only Wasatch Outdoor Industry Summit to support Utah’s outdoor recreation companies and elevate Ogden’s role in the regional outdoor recreation economy.
- Participated in a Powder Mountain Resort event to discuss resort growth plans and ideas for potential collaboration with Ogden.
- Supported the Parking Management System RFP interview process.
- Continued collaboration with a local composites manufacturer regarding expansion plans and connected company with Governor’s Office of Economic Opportunity to explore incentive options.
- Participated in discussions with representatives from the U.S. Air Force and Army regarding the **World Class Athlete Program**, which supports active-duty Olympic athletes. They are exploring relocating participants to Hill Air Force Base and seeking community integration opportunities.
- Hosted Economic Development Corporation of Utah (EDCUtah) leadership for a tour of our **WonderBlock development**, facilitated in partnership with J Fisher Companies (photo right) – and reviewed potential promotional/business recruitment opportunities for the new project.
- Convened an Aerospace and Defense Ecosystem roundtable with representatives from Hill Air Force Base, Weber State University, and Davis Tech to identify additional collaboration opportunities.



Elevate Ogden Speaker Series event – Aug. 21

Right: Julio Otay (Business Resources Coordinator) facilitating panel discussion.

Left-right at table: Margae Martinson (Business Licensing Supervisor), Christian Stucki (Building Services Director), Taylor Nielsen (Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/City Engineer), and Joe Simpson (Deputy Planning Director).



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



WonderBlock progress tour with city staff, EDCUtah and J Fisher Co. leadership – Sept. 26

- Transitioned the RDA dashboard to our in-house GIS platform to enable flexible updates.
- **Finalized the sale of RDA-owned property at Washington and 18th** to Mountain America Credit Union for upcoming commercial development.
- Met with our environmental consultants to coordinate due diligence and site analysis for future development of Union Station parcels.
- Met with representatives from the Department of Environmental Quality to discuss ongoing remediation at the Capital Square site.
- Received one new business loan application and approved/funded another.
- Coordinated with our **business technical assistance training** provider to increase program visibility and develop a promotional strategy, and worked with CivicPlus to prepare the online technical assistance application launch.
- Drafted an article for the upcoming City newspaper highlighting the importance of Ogden's manufacturing sector.
- Prepared two-page briefing outlining economic, transportation, and site-readiness benefits of locating a secure research facility at Union Station campus.
- Participated in **legislative briefing** with state elected officials, the Mayor, and City Council. Key discussion topics included statewide housing challenges, energy generation, homelessness, mental health resources, Olympic preparations, property taxes, government efficiency, support for Union Station as Utah's official railroad museum, the potential positive local impact of the proposed WSU Secure Facility in Ogden, and plans to strengthen our presence during the upcoming legislative session.
- Continued **Union Station redevelopment planning** and supported the Sept. ["You Make Ogden" event](#) (photo right) featuring the [Union Station Neighborhood update](#).

October

- Facilitated an Exchange Building walk-through with a building engineer to assess the current condition of the historic structure.
- **Conducted a TIF analysis** for a proposed 10-unit for-sale infill townhome development in the Adams CRA.
- Facilitated another discussion with the Chamber of Commerce Director to review existing collaboration and the potential for more partnership opportunities.
- Met with the Cache Valley Bank team for an update on renovations to their historic bank building, and coordinated with planning and permitting to help advance the project.
- Our [Economic Development team attended](#) the Utah Commercial Real Estate Association's annual [NAIOPOLY event](#) in Sandy, connecting with developers, brokers, and industry leaders while promoting WonderBlock and Union Station development opportunities (photo right).
- Conducted passenger surveys at our airport to gather Breeze flight and airport improvements feedback.
- Promoted [Breeze Airways](#) discount tickets that are available on Tuesdays at the airport.
- Collaborated with Weber State University, [Visit Ogden](#), and other partners to boost marketing efforts for [Breeze Airways](#), while supporting charter flight logistics for WSU teams traveling through Ogden Airport.
- Met with [Snowbasin Resort](#) management to discuss potential collaboration partnerships with Ogden City.
- Engaged with the International Ski & Snowboard Federation based in Switzerland to identify companies that could benefit from establishing a presence in Ogden ahead of the 2034 Winter Games.
- Met with [Weber State University Building Puentes](#) program leaders to **coordinate future collaboration** opportunities **supporting local entrepreneurs** and small businesses. The program is designed to graduate career-ready, English-Spanish bilingual professionals/entrepreneurs.
- Attended the annual Association of the United States Army Conference to explore trends in defense, aerospace, and aviation. Connected with several Utah companies for which we are arranging a tour in Ogden.
- **Welcomed a group of changemakers** from across the country to Ogden as part of the **National Association of Development Organizations (NADO)** conference and we were proud to **showcase our redevelopment activities** (photo right).
- **Presented (in Spanish)** at WSU's [Puentes entrepreneurship program](#) about **our business resources** and steps to open a business.
- Provided an RDA update at the Council work session, including a preview of our new RDA activity dashboard.
- CED Department Deputy Director David Sawyer, Mgmt. Services Director Lisa Stout, and Mayor Nadolski met with the *Standard-Examiner* to discuss progress on *WonderBlock*. The discussion was featured in the Oct. 18 article ["First elements of WonderBlock set to open...within weeks"](#)
- Promoted our city resource list for negatively impacted federal employees and affected local businesses. [\[Facebook post\]](#)
- 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.
- Engaged with the Orange County (California) Business Council 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.
- Sales tax received for October (generated in August) was up 7% over October '24. We are up about 2% year-over-year to date (calendar year).

November

- Promoted *Ogden Eats Local* to encourage everyone to get out and enjoy our local dining and support local businesses. [\[Facebook post\]](#)
- **Installed Olympic Exhibit display cases** at the **Ogden Airport** to showcase our local athletic legacy.



"You Make Ogden" Union Station Update – Sept. 24



Ogden Economic Development Team (KC, Kelli, Julio) at NAIOPOLY event – Oct. 2



CED Department Deputy Director, David Sawyer speaking to NADO group at the Marshall White Center – Oct. 15

- **Collaborated** with our special events team on additional marketing **support for our new airport terminal grand opening** on Nov. 14.
- Worked with our Cultural Services/Arts team and Visit Ogden to curate local art pieces that showcase our community for display in new airport terminal.
- Collaborated with airport staff to install a colorful “Get Away Today” Disneyland mural on the new terminal windows, highlighting Ogden as the gateway to Disneyland and Orange County, CA, while boosting visibility for our Breeze flight service.
- Participated in the Chamber Legislative Committee meeting.
 - State Representative Jake Sawyer discussed upcoming legislation he intends to sponsor, including a funding request to support Union Station area redevelopment, supported by Ogden City, Union Pacific, and UTA.
- An article was in the *Standard-Examiner* that summarized the recent interview with Mayor Nadolski and Taylor Nielsen (Deputy Chief Administrative Officer) about the Union Station area redevelopment activities – ["Union Station Neighborhood concept entering important planning stage"](#)
- Met with Bob Barker Company, one of our newer businesses at Business Depot Ogden, to review current operations and discuss future business plans. [\[Bob Barker mtg post\]](#)
- 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.
- Reviewed allocation options for RDA housing funds and updated the draft allocation guidelines for further consideration.
- **Hosted** our second *Elevate Ogden Speaker Series* event for new and small businesses on November 6 – “**Financial Foundations for Your Small Business**,” presented by Darcie Costello, associate professor and chair of the School of Accounting, Finance & Taxation at WSU’s Goddard School of Business & Economics (photo right).
- The *Standard-Examiner* published an article highlighting Mayor Nadolski’s and Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Taylor Nielsen’s recent interview about efforts to restore rail service to Union Station – ["Ogden city officials aiming to bring passenger rail back to the Station"](#).
- Met with J. Fisher Companies staff to discuss potential business support resources for new tenants at *WonderBlock*.
- Met again with Alpha Pet Food Company to review facility needs and planned improvements, with additional follow-up actions scheduled.
- 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.
- Partnered with our Special Events team to prepare for the State of the City event on January 8 at Union Station.

December

- Welcomed our **new Economic Development Division Director, Eric Gibson** (photo right). Eric joined us after nearly a decade with Better City, LLC, where he led multi-stakeholder projects for communities across the U.S.
- Met with the CEO of [Suazo Business Center](#) to discuss updates to the Technical Assistance Program to support local businesses.
- Engaged in a Union Station site review with our environmental consultants, with a focus on the laundry building area.
- Participated in a citywide review with our market study consultant and development team.
- **Supported** the **Ogden Fresh Produce open house** and promoted several businesses via [our division’s social media](#) channels.
- Completed CDBG training with our HUD administrator to review compliance and program requirements.
- Facilitated our business loan committee meeting, and two Microenterprise loan program applications were approved.
- 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 (photo right).
- Promoted [holiday gift ideas from our local businesses](#), our upcoming [State of the City](#) event, our City’s [Utah First Homes Award](#), and our Planning Division’s [Zone Ogden](#) work.
- Our business recruitment manager, KC Sanders, was selected as an Honorary Commander for Hill Air Force Base’s Ogden Air Logistics Complex. KC will serve a 2-year term supporting our military community while strengthening ties with our city and promoting the Ogden Way.



WSU Assoc. Professor, Darcie Costello, presenting at "Elevate Ogden Speaker Series" business workshop – Nov.



Eric Gibson – new Economic Development Division Director



Williams International team with Ogden City team – Dec. 12

Planning Division

Division Summary: During 2025, the Planning Division advanced major city-shaping initiatives—including Plan Ogden (General Plan), Zone Ogden (zoning modernization), and multiple station area, corridor, and district plans—while expanding historic preservation efforts and strengthening long-range water and growth planning in alignment with state requirements. In parallel, the division improved customer service and interdepartmental coordination through the Concept Review Team, streamlined intake and review processes, and invested in staffing and professional development to sustain momentum into early 2026.

January

- Held a major **General Plan update** – the “[Plan Ogden Vision Celebration](#)” – for the monthly *You Make Ogden* public engagement event (*photo right*).
- Facilitated a **24th Street Interchange Area Planning** public engagement event.



Plan Ogden Vision Celebration public engagement at Union Station – Jan. '25

February

- Launched a web page describing our new [Concept Review Team](#) meeting purpose and process to assist with new business and development projects.
- Held a **Zone Ogden** public engagement event at Union Station.

March

- The planning team met several times to **review processes to improve customer service**.
 - Implemented measures include the Concept Review team meetings, review deadlines, improved application forms, and code amendments to reduce process requirements – and improvements will continue.
- Planning staff **held a very successful open house** to discuss a potential **historic district** for the **Marilyn Drive area**. About 70 people attended to learn about and give input on having the area become a national or local historic district. This neighborhood was a pre-eminent residential area developed from the 1920s to 1950s. It contains a variety of interesting architectural styles of homes.

April

- Planning **met with the Wall Avenue Corridor advisory committee**. The objective is to look for the best future configuration of Wall Avenue to make it a pedestrian friendly road that still accommodates vehicle travel.
- Planning **met with the Union Station Campus Advisory Committee** and received good feedback regarding the **corridor study**.
- Planning **held** a very well attended **workshop on the Wall Avenue corridor plan** on at Union Station. About 60 people attended and shared ideas about how to best make Wall Avenue a safe multi-modal corridor.
- A great article and a post about our Concept Review Team and the initial support process for new business and developer projects can be reviewed at:
 - ["Ogden City's Concept Review Team Starts New Business Off on Right Foot"](#)
 - [Concept Review Team – Facebook post](#)



Zone Ogden public open house event – May 28

May

- As part of our **General Plan update**, we created a **Water Chapter**.
 - Planning held a meeting with local water providers and large users to discuss water conservation and strategies to manage water supplies.
 - We received excellent input. For example, Weber State University reported they have reduced outdoor water use by 30% by changing landscaping and improving irrigation systems.
- **Concept Review Team meetings** have been **busy**, and have included projects like the potential County Transfer Station expansion on Exchange Road.
- Our Planning team held a **public open house event** at Union Station on **Zone Ogden** activities (*photo right*).
 - We gathered feedback on development standards, including standards for parking, landscaping, lighting, and building design.
- We held our annual [Historic Preservation Month Presentation and Scavenger Hunt](#). This hunt theme this year was the Marilyn Drive area.

June

- The Planning Commission recommended a **preferred concept for Wall Avenue downtown** – an outcome from the Wall Avenue Study (*concept rendering right*).
- The Commission also recommended approval of the 24th Street Interchange concept and plan.
- **General Plan – Quality Open Lands**
 - We held a **focus group meeting** to discuss the parks, trails, and open lands section of the general plan update.



Wall Avenue Study Concept Rendering

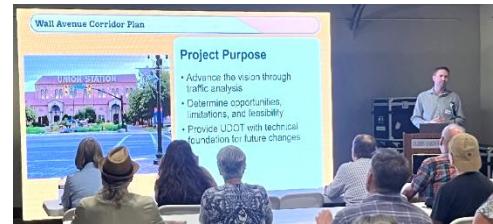
- To **improve plan review processing**, Planning, Building, and Engineering staff **instituted daily application review meetings**.
 - The meetings review applications submitted the previous day for completeness and to ensure proper routing.
- **Wall Avenue Corridor Plan**
 - Planning, Engineering, and Economic Development staff met again with UDOT staff to discuss plans for the Wall Avenue corridor improvements.
 - We presented the Planning Commission's preferred option for configuration of Wall Avenue downtown in conjunction with the Union Station campus project – particularly related to addressing expected increases in pedestrian access needs.
 - UDOT staff provided valuable guidance in identifying challenges and outlining a path toward a design that meets both City and UDOT needs.

July

- Planning, Engineering, Building Services and Business License staff met several times to further **polish our permit intake and submittal process** – focusing on **improving the experience for our citizens/customers**.
- Planning staff held a **workshop with the City Council** on the **Zone Ogden** project. Staff presented special use and development standards for their consideration.
- **Marilyn Drive National Historic District**: We have **submitted an application** to the Utah State Historic Preservation Office to designate the Marilyn Drive area as a historic district. This designation will give property owners access to state and federal funding to keep their homes maintained. Planning notified all impacted property owners of this potential change/opportunity. The state historic preservation commission will consider our application at their upcoming meeting.

August

- The Planning Commission held a **hearing on the Harrison Boulevard OGX Station Area Plan**.
 - The plan includes plans for mixed-centers, pedestrian and bicycle connectivity, housing, and businesses near the OGX stops.
- Planning **Hosted a Housing Focus Group Discussion** to review our Livable Neighborhood chapter of Plan Ogden.
- Planning held a **focus group luncheon** to discuss the **Livable Neighborhoods** chapter of the general plan. We received feedback on how to incorporate new housing and neighborhood centers into the community.
- Planning **presented information** to the business community at the Economic Development Division's *Elevate Ogden Speaker Series* event on **how new businesses can use the Concept Review Team meetings** to help in start a new businesses.
- The latest update to the **Wall Ave Corridor Plan** was **presented** at a well-attended "You Make Ogden" **open house event** on August 27 at Union Station (photo right).



Wall Avenue Corridor Plan public presentation – Aug. 27

September

- **Zone Ogden – Developer Roundtable**
 - Planning held a roundtable engagement activity with various developers to discuss the Zone Ogden code updates.
 - 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 type of development that Ogden needs.
- **General Plan Focus Groups**
 - Planning hosted three focus groups to gather community input on key elements of the General Plan. Discussions centered on the economy, creating a vibrant downtown, improving transportation, and protecting community resources. The sessions provided valuable feedback that will help shape future planning efforts and ensure the General Plan reflects community priorities.
- **Moderate Income Housing Plan Certified**
 - Our city's Moderate Income Housing Plan has been officially certified by the Utah Department of Workforce Services, Housing and Community Development Division. Our report was found to be compliant with state requirements, and because **we exceeded the minimum standards**, Ogden City also **qualifies for priority consideration for future transportation funding** within our community.
- **Moderate Income Housing Plan and Station Area Plans Presentation**
 - We presented a review of our **Moderate Income Housing Plan and Station Area Plans** during a city council and planning commission joint work session/training.
- **Landmarks Participation – New Bridge Event**
 - Staff and Landmarks Commission members participated in New Bridge Literacy Night, showcasing the City's commitment to both historic preservation and community education partnerships.
- **General Plan Stakeholder Meeting – Natural Resources & Economy**
 - Planning staff met with stakeholders as part of the General Plan update process focusing on natural resource conservation and economic development. Feedback collected will directly inform future policy development.
- **Union Station Area Plan Event**
 - Planning staff participated in a public engagement event to present updates on the Union Station Area Plan and gather community feedback.

October

- **Utah APA conference**
 - Several planning staff attended the fall conference for the **Utah Chapter of the American Planning Association** (APA-UT).
 - Our own **Brandon Rypien** was a **panelist on infill housing options** (pictured right).
- **Water Conservation Plan**: The Planning Commission recommended adoption of a new Water Use and Preservation Plan. This will guide how the city manages growth, updates old water lines, and encourages conservation through smart landscaping and irrigation. This is a state requirement that must be adopted by the end of year.



American Planning Assoc. Utah Conference program snapshot – featuring Brandon Rypien

- **Station Area Plans**
 - Planning staff presented the [FrontRunner Station Area Plan](#) to the City Council.
 - State law requires cities to adopt land use plans around major transit centers that address housing, sustainability, transportation options, and access to opportunities.
 - Staff proposed that Ogden's existing downtown plans (such as the *Make Ogden Downtown Master Plan*) satisfy these requirements as "prior actions," and the City Council approved that approach.
 - Station Area Plans for the Harrison Boulevard corridor will be considered soon.
- **Wall Avenue Corridor Plan**
 - Presented the [updated plan](#) during Council work-session.
- Our Planning Director, Barton Brierly (*pictured right*), along with Community Development Director Jeremy Smith and Mayor Nadolski, spoke with the *Standard-Examiner* editorial board about residential apartment development and updates to land use ordinances, and the article "[City officials discuss appropriate apartment placement, efforts to improve ... ordinances](#)" was published on Oct. 10.
- Planning **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 (*photo below*).
 - [Standard-Examiner article: "Zone Ogden's public efforts entering final stages; officials anticipate council consideration of changes in spring 2026"](#)



Barton Brierly, Planning Director, speaking at Standard-Examiner – Oct. 8



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

November

- **Marilyn Drive National Historic District**
 - Staff coordinated with the Utah State Historic Preservation Office on the nomination of the Marilyn Drive neighborhood to the National Register of Historic Places.
 - The proposed district recognizes the postwar residential architecture and neighborhood design that characterized Ogden's mid-century growth.
 - The nomination will next be submitted to the National Park Service for final approval.
- **E-Reviews Training:** Staff participated in E-Reviews training to **support the rollout of our electronic plan review/permitting platform**, which focuses on workflow coordination between Planning/Engineering/Building Services to **improve review efficiency**, transparency, and applicant communication.
- Planning **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**.
- **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*).

December

- The Council considered the adoption of the **Water Element** related to the new **General Plan** and 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.
- The **Landmarks Commission** **approved** a **certificate of historic appropriateness** for the new **Merci Car canopy** at Union Station, and recommended approval of adding the Pearl Building on 25th Street to the National Register of Historic Places.



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

Overall Planning Division Accomplishments – 2025 Summary

- Effectively Planned for Ogden's Future
 - Station Area Planning (OGX / Harrison)
 - Adopted station area plans for the OGX line on Harrison, establishing a clear land use and implementation framework to support transit-oriented growth.
 - Submitted the Downtown Station Area Plan, positioning the downtown station area for coordinated redevelopment, mobility connections, and catalytic investment.
 - General Plan – "Plan Ogden"
 - Adopted the Water Element, advancing Ogden's long-term planning for sustainable growth and infrastructure coordination.
 - Created a community-driven General Plan Vision, including multiple steering committee meetings and exceptionally well-attended "vision celebration" events that strengthened shared direction and buy-in.
 - Created and adopted the 24th Street Interchange District Plan, aligning land use, circulation, and development strategy in a key gateway area.
 - Advanced the next Plan Ogden draft, on track for public review in early 2026.

- Zone Ogden (Zoning Code Modernization)
 - Conducted multiple highly attended public involvement events and Citizen Advisory Committee meetings, ensuring the update reflects community priorities and practical implementation needs.
 - Developed a draft zoning code, targeted for public review in early 2026.
- Historic Preservation and Neighborhood Planning
 - Submitted the Marilyn Drive area for designation as a National Historic District and hosted well-attended public meetings to support the nomination and public understanding.
 - Hosted Historic Preservation Week, highlighting the Marilyn Dr. district and strengthening community awareness of preservation tools/benefits.
- Transportation and Corridor Planning
 - Supported planning efforts for the 3 Gate Trail, contributing to connectivity, quality-of-life amenities, and active transportation goals.
 - Conducted planning for the Wall Avenue Corridor, including multiple public events and close coordination with UDOT to align land use and transportation investments.
- Retained and Improved Customer Service
 - Held weekly Concept Review Team meetings to provide early, coordinated feedback to help applicants identify issues/solutions before formal submittals.
 - Developed and implemented a targeted customer service improvement list, focusing on practical, high-impact changes to streamline processes and improve customer experience.
- Built Capacity to Effectively Plan and Retain, Motivate, and Develop Employees
 - Created two Planner II positions and promoted from within, recognizing staff growth and expanding capacity to manage higher-responsibility work.
 - Hired two Planner I positions to fill vacancies, sustaining service levels and project momentum.
 - Added a Planning Technician and Planning Intern to support major initiatives including Zone Ogden and Plan Ogden.
 - Invested in professional development through state and national planning conferences, including staff serving as presenters in two sessions to showcase Ogden's innovative planning work.

Other Community & Economic Development Department Activities

Department Summary: In 2025, Ogden City's Community & Economic Development Department advanced transformative projects across aviation, housing, arts, planning, and economic growth—highlighted by the completion of the new airport terminal, major redevelopment investments, expanded housing affordability programs, and city-shaping planning initiatives. Through strong cross-division collaboration, public engagement, and strategic partnerships, the department strengthened Ogden's economic resilience, cultural vitality, and long-term readiness for growth while improving customer service, infrastructure, and quality of life citywide.

May

- Presented the [Community and Economic Development Department Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget discussion](#) to the City Council and RDA Board.
- Presented our department's tentative Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget information at the city's budget open house on May 27 (photo right).
 - [Standard Examiner: "Ogden holds open house to discuss city budget with the public"](#)



City budget open house event (May 27) – Community & Econ. Dev. Exec. Director, Jared Johnson (right)

July

- State Senator John Johnson recorded a podcast with David Sawyer, Ogden Community & Economic Development Deputy Director, highlighting development activity in Ogden – along with a creative song tied to the episode (photo below-right).
 - [Politicit.com Podcast: "From city council to city builder ... the vision for Ogden's Revitalization"](#)
 - [Podcast theme song: "City in the sky \(Ogden Anthem\)"](#)



State Senator John Johnson (left) with Ogden Community & Economic Dev. Deputy Exec. Director David Sawyer (right) during Politicit Podcast – July '25

October

- Reported on the status of each Department Division's performance measures.
- Prepared a two-page briefing that outlined the economic, transportation, and site-readiness benefits at the Union Station Campus/Neighborhood to support planning discussions with state legislative leadership.

December

- Completed initial strategic plans updates for each Division in the Community & Economic Development Department, including high-level summary presentations for each Division.

Looking Ahead to 2026!

Building on the strong momentum of 2025, Ogden City's Community & Economic Development Department will focus in 2026 on translating major planning, infrastructure, and redevelopment investments into on-the-ground results that further strengthen economic resilience, housing opportunity, and quality of life.

Priorities will include activating the new airport terminal and advancing cargo and aviation-related development; delivering additional housing through infill, redevelopment, and public-private partnerships; moving Zone Ogden and Plan Ogden toward adoption and implementation; and advancing catalytic redevelopment projects at Union Station, *WonderBlock*, Capital Square, and other strategic sites.

Across all divisions, the department will continue to emphasize customer service, interdepartmental coordination, data-driven decision-making, and community engagement—positioning Ogden to capitalize on regional growth, prepare for long-term opportunities such as the 2034 Winter Games, and ensure that progress benefits residents, businesses, and neighborhoods citywide.

