

Minutes of the work session of the Ogden City Council held on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 4:00 p.m., in the Council Work Room, and via electronic meeting, located on the third floor of the Municipal Building, 2549 Washington Boulevard, Ogden City, Weber County, Utah.

Present: Chair Richard A. Hyer
 Vice Chair Dave Graf
 Council members Flor Lopez
 Kevin Lundell
 Shaun Myers
 Ken Richey
 Alicia Washington

Council Executive Director Glenn Symes
Council Assistant Executive Director Steve Burton
Communications Director Brandon Garside
Communications Specialist Eric Davenport

Also present: Chief Administrative Officer Mara A. Brown
 City Attorney Gary Williams
 Community and Economic Development Executive Director Jared Johnson
 Police Chief Jacob Sube
 Deputy Police Chief Tyler Ziegler
 Planning Director Barton Brierley
 Senior Planner Brandon Rypien
 Chief Executive Assistant to the Mayor Cindy Weloth
 City Recorder Tracy Hansen

The purpose of the work session was to review the agenda for the City Council meeting scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m.; receive the GOAL Foundation Annual Report; receive an update regarding Ogden Police License Plate Reader; discuss annexation of unincorporated property at 2101 West Hinckley Drive into Roy City; receive a Zone Ogden update; discuss Council business; and hear Council comments.

Agenda Review

Chair Hyer and members of Council staff reviewed the items listed on the agenda for the City Council meeting scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m.

GOAL Foundation Annual Report

Troy Calantine, Executive Director/CEO of the Get Out and Live (GOAL) Foundation, used the aid of a PowerPoint presentation to provide the Annual Report. The Foundation's mission is to inspire the greater Ogden community to participate, volunteer, or spectate outdoor sports, and to attract visitors to Ogden's outdoor opportunities. He highlighted several key accomplishments:

- Planted 23 trees through their green initiative partnership with Dancing Moose Farms
- Hosted 170 kids in mountain biking, hiking, and rock-climbing camps
- Donated 129 pairs of athletic shoes to Youth Impact and Golden Hour Senior Center
- Coordinated over 1,100 volunteers contributing almost 7,000 hours
- Hosted 56 free community events including community yoga
- Donated \$27,500 to the Weber School Foundation for youth centers
- Awarded \$5,500 in group grants and approximately \$5,000 in scholarships

Signature events included the Ogden Marathon (generating over \$2 million in economic impact), the Winter Running Series with about 530 participants, and the Northern Utah Trail Fest in partnership with Trails Foundation Northern Utah, and Weber County Parks and Recreation. The Ogden Marathon Expo will be relocated to Union Station for the upcoming May 16, 2026, event. For a copy of the presentation in its entirety, see the information packet for the meeting.

Council members expressed appreciation for the Foundation's work and positive impact on the community, with Council member Richey commenting that the Ogden Marathon provides an exceptional race experience compared to others.

Ogden Police License Plate Reader Update

Police Chief Sube presented an update on the ALPR program. He emphasized that the program operates with support from the Mayor while ensuring adherence to legal and constitutional requirements. The Chief provided background on the ALPR program:

- Started in 2008 with vehicle-mounted readers
- Expanded in 2020 with fixed ALPR cameras in the Project Safe Neighborhood (PSN) zone
- Currently operates 41 total cameras (32 in the PSN area with one non-operational, eight in Business Depot Ogden (BDO) and one mobile)

Chief Sube explained the legal framework governing ALPRs, noting that State law classifies license plate data as protected information, limits retention to nine months maximum, and requires written policies and oversight. The Ogden Police Department's policy (Policy 65) exceeds state requirements by:

- Restricting data retention to only 30 days instead of the 9 months allowed by law
- Requiring all searches to be conducted through a supervisor or the Area Tactical Analysis Center (ATAC)
- Mandating case numbers or CAD call numbers for all searches
- Implementing verification requirements

The Chief clarified what ALPRs do and do not do:

- They don't use facial recognition, biometrics, or video recording
- They capture still images of license plates with date, time and location
- They help develop leads for investigations but don't provide complete evidence

Chief Sube demonstrated the PSN area map showing ALPR locations and shared several case examples where ALPRs were critical in solving crimes, including kidnappings, homicides, child abuse cases, hit-and-runs, and thefts. He noted ALPRs have also helped exonerate innocent suspects.

Council members asked several questions about the program, including:

- The history of Policy 65
- Audit procedures (biennial full audits with quarterly spot checks)
- Data sharing with other agencies (sharing with 32 local agencies but no direct federal access)
- Effectiveness of the 30-day retention period (has been sufficient for investigations)
- The cost-effectiveness of the program (funded primarily through PSN grants)

The Chief confirmed that no federal agencies can directly access Ogden's ALPR data without making specific requests through the department, which must include proper case information.

Consent to Annex unincorporated property at 2101 West Hinckley Drive into Roy City

Steward Land Company has requested the Council's consideration of a resolution granting consent for the annexation of approximately 3.96 acres of unincorporated property into Roy City. Utah Code §10-2-804(7) requires a municipality seeking to annex property located within 5,000 feet of another city's municipal airport to obtain consent from the city that operates the airport. Approval of the resolution would allow the annexation process to proceed.

Planning Director Brierley explained that the subject property located at approximately 2101 West Hinckley Drive lies between Ogden and Roy city boundaries, and state law requires Ogden's consent since the property is within 5,000 feet of the Ogden Hinckley Airport runway. The property owner wants to develop the site for residential use and is working with Roy City. Planning staff has determined the annexation poses no concerns for airport operations as it is not directly in the flight path.

Chair Hyer asked about the previously closed runway 7-25 and whether it might reopen in the future. Mr. Brierley stated he was unsure of the status of that runway, but if it were reopened, it would not pose any issues for the subject property given the terrain of that area of the airport. He concluded Planning staff recommends the City consent to the property being annexed into Roy City.

Zone Ogden Update

The Planning Division project began in summer of 2023 and is currently in the drafting stage. The Council previously received updates on Zone Ogden during work sessions in March, July, August, and November of 2025. This is another opportunity for the Council to discuss the new development code, to ask questions, and provide input as the code is being prepared to go to the Planning Commission for review.

Planning Manager Brierley and Senior Planner Rypien presented several topics related to the Zone Ogden development code update:

- Private Streets
 - Critical for infill development in Ogden's limited available land
 - Proposed "minor private street" designation for 6 or fewer lots
 - Would require maintenance by HOA or through private road maintenance agreements
 - Council member Lundell expressed concern about deteriorating private streets within defunct HOAs
- Home Occupations
 - Proposed changes would allow use of garages/outbuildings for home occupations
 - Would permit one outside employee, occasional gatherings of up to 6 employees, and customers by appointment
 - Certain uses would remain prohibited: vehicle repair, animal daycare, and high-traffic businesses
 - Formula-Based Businesses (Chain Businesses)
 - Proposed regulations would limit chain businesses in downtown to preserve unique character

- Would apply to eating/drinking establishments and retail with 10+ locations in the US
- Would exclude businesses that originated in Weber County
- Currently about four formula-based businesses downtown; proposal would limit to 10 maximum
 - Council members discussed balancing preservation of unique downtown character with preventing vacant spaces.
- Signs
 - Presented issues with current signage and need for regulations
 - Proposed maintaining content neutrality while limiting sign heights to 20 feet maximum
 - Suggested three categories: non-permanent signs (6-month limit), portable signs (must be removed daily), and event signs (allowed during holidays and elections)
 - Proposal to eliminate distinction between on-premise and off-premise signs, while maintaining billboard restrictions
 - Council and staff discussed the need to treat all signs equally for constitutional reasons
- Parking (this issue was not fully covered due to time constraints of the meeting)

Council members asked questions throughout the presentation, particularly regarding enforcement mechanisms, transparency, and balancing business needs with community aesthetics.

Council Comments

Council member Myers acknowledged and congratulated Steve Burton on his promotion to the position of Council Assistant Executive Director.

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

TRACY HANSEN, MMC/CRA
CITY RECORDER

RICHARD A. HYER, CHAIR

APPROVED: March 3, 2026