

Minutes of the joint work session of the Ogden City Council, also acting as the Redevelopment Agency, held on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., in the Council Work Room, and via electronic meeting, 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
 Jeremy Peterson
 Alicia Washington

Council Executive Director Glenn Symes
Council Assistant Executive Director Steve Burton
Council Senior Policy Analyst Clint Yingling
Communications Director Brandon Garside
Communications Specialist Eric Davenport

Excused: Council member Ken Richey

Also present: Chief Administrative Officer Taylor Nielsen
 Management Services Executive Director Lisa Stout
 Accounting and Budget Director Justin Sorensen
 Public Services Executive Director Justin Anderson
 Public Services Assistant Executive Director Edd Bridge
 Public Works Operations Director Gage Charlesworth
 Community and Economic Development Assistant Executive Director David Sawyer
 Chief Deputy Recorder Lee Ann Peterson

The purpose of the joint work session was to review the agenda for the Redevelopment Agency (RDA) meeting scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m.; receive an administrative update regarding Pineview pipeline crossing, refuse, and glass recycling; receive the 4th Quarter Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) report; discuss Council/Board business; and hear Council/Board comments

Agenda Review

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

Administrative Update – Pineview Pipeline Crossing, Refuse, Glass Recycling

Pineview Pipeline Crossing: Public Services Executive Director Anderson reported that work on the Pineview water line crossing, part of a larger project to replace the main pipeline from the well field to the 23rd Street Reservoir, is scheduled to begin next week. The contractor will build a bridge or berm across Pineview Reservoir from the port ramp to the well field. Key project details include:

- Temporary Bypass: A 24-inch temporary bypass line will be installed, requiring a 24 to 30 hour shutdown of the current 36-inch line, likely before the end of September. This may affect residents in Ogden Canyon.
- New Installations: Two new lines will be installed: a 48-inch ID HDPE pipe and a smaller pipe (approximately 31 to 32 inch ID) pulled through the existing 36-inch steel pipe after modifications to flatten some bends.
- Redundancy: The project will create a dual pipeline system, providing redundancy for maintenance and service, which has not been possible for 55 years.
- Schedule: Work is expected to be completed by January 1st, with incentives for early completion. Crews will work 6 days a week, 20-24 hours a day.
- Agreement Update: A 1970 agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation was updated to allow for two pipelines instead of one.

Vice Chair Graf sought clarification on the new pipes, confirming a 31 to 32 inch pipe within the old 36-inch line and a new 48-inch line, will actually expand water capacity. Mr. Anderson explained that the 48-inch line is sized for future slip-lining of a 36-inch ID pipe, ensuring long-term supply for Ogden City and wholesale customers like Bona Vista Water.

Council member Peterson asked about potential water disruptions for Ogden City residents. Mr. Anderson confirmed that citizens within Ogden City boundaries would experience no disruption, with only minor delays for Radford Hills and Ogden Canyon residents.

Chair Hyer inquired about the convergence point of the new lines. Mr. Anderson stated that new infrastructure would be installed on the south side of the port ramp, similar to the existing pipeline's location.

Refuse and Glass Recycling: Mr. Anderson then provided an update on solid waste and recycling services:

- Ogden Transfer Station: Solid waste and recycling bins are now taken to the Ogden Transfer Station at 3027 Midland Drive.
- Resident Access: Ogden City residents can dump single-axle trailer loads and pickup truck beds for \$15 per load by showing ID or a utility bill.
- Free Recycling: The Transfer Station offers free drop-off for clean cardboard, glass, clean metal, and household hazardous waste.
- Additional Glass Recycling: A glass recycling bin is available at the city's Green Waste facility. Weber State University has also indicated willingness to allow public use of their glass recycling bin at the Dee Event Center (north side, south of the church).

Council member Washington asked if there were plans for glass recycling locations outside the Ogden Transfer Station and below Washington Boulevard. Mr. Anderson stated there are no such plans at this time.

Chair Hyer asked about the Transfer Station's operating hours. Operations Director Charlesworth stated the hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturdays, 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

4th Quarter CIP Report

Accounting and Budget Director Sorenson presented the fourth-quarter Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) report for fiscal year (FY) 2026. Key points of the presentation included:

- Unaudited Numbers: The numbers presented are unaudited and subject to adjustment as invoices are processed, especially for construction projects.
- Funding Sources: CIPs are funded through various sources, including city funds, BDO funds, restricted taxes (B&C Road Funds, Active Transportation, RAMP funds), WACOG funds, state and federal funds (FAA), and donations.
- Project Volume: There are 108 projects in the CIP report, with 76 in the CIP fund (roads, parks, recreation), 10 in the airport fund, 11 in the water utility fund, 3 in the sanitary sewer fund, 2 in the storm sewer fund, 1 cemetery project, and 5 golf course projects.
- Spending: During the last quarter of FY26, nearly \$12 million was spent on projects. Total spending for the fiscal year was just under \$37 million.
- Major Spending Areas: Significant spending occurred on the Canyon Pipeline project (over \$15 million from ARPA and water funds), the Mt. Ogden golf course irrigation project, D Avenue, Lester Park, utility master plan projects, and airport cargo and south apron projects (mainly FAA funded).

Council member Washington requested a breakdown of expenses for Lester Park, specifically regarding bioswells and their funding sources (RAMP funds or other CIP funds). She also sought assurance that the bioswells did not displace the planned futsal courts on the west side of Lester Park. Mr. Sorenson stated he does not have that information this evening but committed to provide it to the Council. Council member Washington also inquired about the \$5 million allocated for "capital outlay buildings jail" in the CIP fund, noting it was listed for 2026 but she could not find a specific CIP number. Mr. Sorenson explained that this was a funding mechanism, appropriated at the beginning of the last fiscal year, to purchase and demolish a building, not a specific CIP project for improvements. The Administration has the authority to acquire property if the Council approves the budget, even without a specific CIP. Council member Washington requested breakdowns of expenses for City-wide recreation improvements, Golden Hour improvements, multi-sport field enhancements, general park improvements, and City-wide lights and electrical (EN072) to understand fund allocation and progress. She also asked for clarification on the Business Depot Ogden (BDO) operations 2026 budget, which is listed at the bottom of the report. Mr. Sorenson explained that these funds are related to The Boyer Company, the City's partner at BDO, for projects funded through tax increment financing (TIF) several years ago. The budgets reflect Boyer's anticipated spending and plans for the next two years, based on their annual reports. Finally, she raised a concern about standing water and drainage issues in the Marshall White Center (MWC) changing rooms, hoping that recent improvements addressed this. Mr. Sorenson stated he will pass this feedback along to members of the Public Services Department who are responsible for the MWC.

Council/Board business

Council Calendar: Council Executive Director Symes reviewed the Council calendar for the remainder of September.

Council/Board Comments

Vice Chair Graf raised questions from a community member regarding surveillance:

- Is Ogden City harvesting personal signals (e.g., Bluetooth activity from light post antennas)?
- Why is Ogden allowing businesses to harvest children's signals (referencing retailers)?
- Who has the authority to dictate FLOCK policy?
- What department installs cameras within city limits?
- Are there plans to install listening devices in public spaces.

No immediate answers were available for these questions.

Vice Chair Graf then followed up on the Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) facility tour. Council member Washington reported she is still waiting to meet with Sheriff Arbon to finalize her report, but she aiming to have her report completed by September 22. Mr. Symes noted that no Council meeting is scheduled for September 22 due to Council staff attending a conference. Vice Chair Graf mentioned he would meet with the Sheriff on Monday.

Chair Hyer then initiated a discussion on improving the public comment portion of Council meetings, noting dissatisfaction with the current three-minute restriction and no-dialogue between the public body and the public format.

Council member Lundell suggested moving public comments to the beginning of a meeting to accommodate attendees, while emphasizing the importance of time limits.

Council member Peterson observed that the current format creates a "talking at us" dynamic with no timely interchange. He suggested removing the dais to foster one-on-one conversations, referencing a successful "mutual Council person" open house in February.

Council Member Washington proposed three approaches:

1. Public Record Conversation: Improve the current public comment format to feel more equitable and accessible, fostering dialogue rather than dictation.
2. Open House Events: Continue holding open house events outside formal meetings, even if attendance is low, to provide opportunities for one-on-one interaction.
3. Off-site Meetings: Hold meetings at alternative venues like Union Station to shift dynamics and encourage public engagement. She recalled past successful remote Council meetings for community plan amendments.

Council member Washington also suggested "placemaking" improvements within the building, such as ensuring drinking fountains work and providing water. She proposed clearer announcements about public comment procedures and a standard for bio breaks (e.g., 5 minutes every hour, 10 minutes every 1 hour 20 minutes, or 10 minutes every 2 hours). She also suggested splitting public comment into two sections, with a 15-minute session at the top of the meeting for those with limited time.

Vice Chair Graf supported the idea of an "experiment" where Council members leave the dais and meet with constituents on the floor, potentially in the lobby with refreshments, to encourage more dialogue and address the "anxiety hurdle" of the podium. He suggested assigned places for Council members to facilitate interaction.

Council member Washington further refined this, suggesting a 15-minute "chat with your Council person" in the lobby at 6:00 p.m., prior to the formal meeting, as an alternative to public comment at the top of the agenda. This would need to be publicly noticed.

Council member Lopez noted that some constituents are afraid to speak publicly and would prefer one-on-one conversations.

Chair Hyer encouraged individual Council members to hold neighborhood gatherings, as Vice Chair Graf successfully did, to engage with constituents on specific topics. Council member Washington asked about best practices for reporting back to the group from these individual conversations. Chair Hyer suggested the current meeting format for general community interest items, with text or email for more sensitive matters.

The meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

LEE ANN PETERSON, MMC
CHIEF DEPUTY CITY RECORDER

RICHARD A. HYER, CHAIR

APPROVED: October 6, 2026