

**MINUTES OF RAVENNA CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**February 10, 2020**

The Meeting of the Ravenna City Community & Economic Development Committee was called to order at 5:30 P.M. by Chairperson, Christina West. Present were Tim Calfee, Rob Kairis, Cheryl Wood, Paul Moskun, Amy Michael and Andrew Kluge. Also attending the meeting were Mayor Frank Seman; Finance Director, Kimble Cecora; Service Director, Kay Dubinsky; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Police Chief, Jeff Wallis; Fire Chief, Geoffrey Cleveland; Finance Director-elect, Brian Huff; Larry Silenius of 123 North Walnut Street, Ravenna, Ohio; Clifford Soudil of 464 Woodlawn Avenue, Ravenna, Ohio and Mark Hairston of 828 Mechanic Avenue, Ravenna, Ohio.

Ms. West said the first item on the agenda is the Community Housing Impact Preservation Grant.

Mr. Cecora said in 2019, the grant was applied for through Neighborhood Development Services. It involved the City, Portage County and the City of Streetsboro. This grant was awarded in 2019 and there needs to be something on the books. Legislation is needed to accept, record revenues and appropriate the funds. The City will be running point on the accounting end of it, as fiscal agents for the grant as they have done so in the past. This is just to establish the accounting entries. The grant is \$1,050,000 and it's CDBG Home and OHTF, which is Housing Trust Fund. This grant is every other year.

Mr. Calfee asked what the \$1,050,000 for.

Ms. Wood said that it goes for the rehab. as well as the Community Block Grant Funds and Home Funds which are accumulated to make the \$1,050,000. The projects are for housing rehabilitation, which is typically referred to as a full rehab. or private rehab. Then there's the home repair program which is one or two large items. The full rehab. can typically go up to about \$46,000.00 including soft costs and the home repair goes up to \$15,000.00, including soft costs. This is for low to moderate income households and it has to be owner occupied.

Mr. Calfee asked if the administration of the grant is done by NDS and do administration costs come out of the grant.

Ms. Wood responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Cecora noted that not all of that money is for Ravenna. It's split up between Ravenna, Streetsboro and Portage County.

Ms. Wood said all the communities do their own rehabs. The State required a combination of the communities about 2016-2017 to combine the communities with one community as the lead agency or administrator of the fund. Aurora is no longer eligible so this grant is for Portage, Ravenna and Streetsboro with Ravenna as the lead entity.

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There being no questions or comments, it was decided by those present the issue would proceed to Committee of the Whole for further action.

Ms. West said that Wednesday, February 12 is the Community Improvement Corporation meeting in City Hall at 8:30 AM.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:34 P.M.

**ATTEST:**

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Clerk of Council

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Christina West, Chairperson  
Community & Economic Development Committee