



**Ravenna City Council  
Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes  
May 11th, 2020**

**The public meeting was held via Zoom and live streamed via YouTube. A video recording of the meeting can be found at: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hSxkAhVt\\_JE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hSxkAhVt_JE)**

Council present via Zoom: Council President Andrew Kluge, Amy Michael, Rob Kairis, Paul Moskun, Cheryl Wood, Tim Calfee, Christina West and Matt Harper.

Also attending the meeting via Zoom were: Mayor Frank Seman; Police Chief, Jeff Wallis; Acting Fire Chief, Mark Chapple; Finance Director, Brian Huff; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Service Director, Kay Dubinsky; Main Street Ravenna, Executive Director, Julie McLain and Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor

**The Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. by Chairperson, Christina West.**

The first discussion item was from Julie McLain from Main Street Ravenna to address restaurant openings and outdoor seating. Indoor seating for restaurants will be limited due to coronavirus concerns and restrictions, so outdoor seating in front of restaurants and the court house lawn were discussed. Concerns were expressed over trash pick-up, loitering and ADA compliance with sidewalk seating spacing. Cherry Way was discussed as a possible option to add seating for patrons. The initiative would be to encourage downtown restaurant and small business patronage with available outdoor dining regulation seating and areas to enjoy take-out meals.

- The item was moved forward

The second discussion item was to appropriate \$200,000.00 for business restart to aid the opening of small businesses. The funds would be handled by Neighborhood Development Services and the funds would stay in the City of Ravenna. The restart loans would have to go through an application process and they would have to be repaid within 2 years. Approximate fund dispersal would be between \$5,000-\$10,000 per loan.

- The item was moved forward

**There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:24 P.M.**

**ATTEST:**

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Clerk of Council

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Christina West, Chairperson  
Community & Economic Development  
Committee