



RAVENNA CITY SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 22nd, 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=qxe6O8McQWg>

The Special Meeting of Ravenna City Council was called to order at 1:00 P.M. May 22nd, 2020 by Council President, Andrew Kluge.

The Clerk read the Call to the Special Meeting stating the purpose of the meeting is to discuss and/or act upon Ordinance No. 2020-052: An ordinance to approve expanded use of outdoor restaurant seating and authorize the Service Director to approve temporary outdoor dining permits, and declaring an emergency

Roll call was taken with the following members present: Council President Andrew Kluge, Amy Michael, Paul Moskun, Matt Harper, Cheryl Wood, Rob Kairis, Christina West and Tim Calfee.

Also attending the meeting were Mayor Frank Seman; Law Director, Frank Cimino and Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor

Ordinance No. 2020-052: AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE EXPANDED USE OF OUTDOOR RESTAURANT SEATING AND TO AUTHORIZE THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO APPROVE TEMPORARY OUTDOOR DINING PERMITS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Kairis asked if Section II of the ordinance excluded the courthouse and Mr. Kluge said yes, that the ordinance was just focused on the seating outside of restaurants.

Mr. Kairis asked if there was a process in place for the Service Director. Mr. Kluge said that it would be similar to a parade permit. The city is using it as a carbon copy process to base the outdoor dining permit on which will then go through to the Service Director for approval. Any repeal would then go through to the Mayor for review.

The Mayor said to keep in mind that the permit expires in August and that in the meantime businesses should seek going to the planning commission and then getting a permanent use. He stated that some businesses have already done that and are in the process, such as the Winery and 1888. Both are in the process but the full plans have not been completely developed. They are in full compliance as long as they get it done within a year.

Mr. Kluge gave a shout out to thank Kay Dubinsky and Bob Finney for helping put the ordinance together and Law Director Frank Cimino for bringing it all together.

Mr. Cimino added that with the criteria the city has to follow what the governor has set forth and other health regulations that are in place. Ms. Dubinsky will be directed in that regard as to what the limitations are with the distancing and the manner in which people serve.

Mr. Harper asked who the city has that will be looking into the businesses and making sure that they are following the guidelines, inquiring if it would be the Police Dept. or Ms. Dubinsky. The Mayor thought that it would be both and Mr. Cimino stated that he thought that the Police Dept. would be the best alternative, adding that people have the ability to notify the city if they feel as though something is not right and the city can follow up on it. The Mayor stated that the Board of Health will be doing inspections.

There being no further comments or questions.

- Motion to waive three separate readings by Mr. Harper, 2nd by Mr. Moskun- **All Ayes**
- Motion to adopt emergency clause by Ms. Michael, 2nd by Mr. Calfee- **All Ayes**
- Motion to pass Resolution No. 2020-052 by Ms. Wood, 2nd Mr. Moskun- **All Ayes**

Ordinance 2020-052 was adopted.

There being no further business before Council, the meeting adjourned at 1:12 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Council President