



**Ravenna City Council
Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes
August 10th, 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=2Q8jGZfJLfY>

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: Mayor Frank Seman; Police Chief, Jeff Wallis; Acting Fire Chief, Mark Chapple; Finance Director, Brian Huff; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Service Director, Kay Dubinsky; and Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor

The Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:31 P.M. by Chairperson, Christina West.

The only item for discussion was Payment of \$3,750 to Main Street for the Landscape Project.

The Mayor stated that the item was brought before the previous Council and they approved the item, explaining why some current Council members were unaware of the City's involvement in the project. The item is to help support a \$50,000 landscape project that is being financed with the help of three donors. Jason Kentner is the landscape architect and will be offering the public a chance to view the project concepts on August 14th from 3-7pm, and then August 19th-21st. Mayor Seman explained that the three donors, who donated the bulk of the money, wanted to see the County and the City work together for the benefit of downtown Ravenna. With that they also felt a monetary amount should be donated as well, with the recommended amount being \$3,750. The Mayor said that Council felt that it was a small investment to help move the project forward. The \$3,750 will be paid out of the RLF Funds in Section 17, which currently has a balance of \$180,000.

Mr. Moskun asked how the architect was chosen and Mayor Seman said that the City was not a part of putting that together.

Ms. West explained that the landscape project is much more than just plants and more information can be found at <https://ravennadowntowndistrictplan.com>.

Mr. Kairis stated that he remembers the topic being discussed at Council, he supports the initiative and said it is a nominal commitment to show that the City is giving a nod of approval.

Ms. Michael explained that once she found out more of the project details she feels better.

Ms. West explained that there is a window display of the project where people can write their feedback on post-it notes about things that they would like to see downtown. She said that the project is more community driven because Jason Kentner is hosting the workshops to have the community able to come in and talk about it.

Ms. Wood stated that she likes the idea of anything to improve the City and the beautification of it. She agreed with the Mayor and said that it is important to condense all the separate plans and focus on a more comprehensive plan that will branch out and cover all areas of the City in the future.

- The item was moved forward

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

**Christina West, Chairperson
Community & Economic Development**