



Ravenna City Council
Streets & Sidewalks Committee Meeting Minutes
September 14th, 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=FOyQvHF1qW8>

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 Streets & Sidewalks Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:35 P.M. by Chairperson, Matt Harper.

The first discussion item was a cul-de-sac at the end of Woodbend Dr.

Mr. Harper stated that there is a resident at the end of Woodbend Dr. that has had numerous cars turning around in their driveway. Engineering has been looking at some solutions and one is to put a cul-de-sac at the end of the drive instead of it being a dead end where nobody can turn around. Mr. Jeffers and Mr. Finney did a quick drawing that has a 90-foot diameter circle cul-de-sac that a fire truck can negotiate. When they laid out the plan, they found that there would need to be property either acquired or donated, adding that he would not be in favor of purchasing land. He stated that he spoke to the Mayor and the Service Director and he will be looking at another scenario that is less costly.

Ms. Michael inquired about a street that was potentially going to be connected as an exit, but Mr. Finney explained that Woodbend Dr. was built by a developer, that the City did not pitch in for the cost of the road and that he is not in favor of connecting them. Mr. Moskun did confirm that when the development was built the residents did not want the street connecting which is why it stopped where it did.

Mr. Kairis brought up the difference between a safety concern and a nuisance of cars turning around in a driveway, adding that there are other no outlet streets in the City which could open up a larger project.

Mr. Finney did add that large trucks have an issue with having to back out from the dead end. Committee did not feel it was a project that was needed at the moment, especially with so many additional dead end streets in the City and the costliness of the project.

- The item was tabled

The second discussion item was the donation of 8 Holophane streetlights to Grove City.

Mr. Finney stated that he received 8 streetlamps to install, he tried to have them installed but they ultimately did not fit. The company invoiced him, and he refused to pay it. He stated that he told them that they can pick up the lamps, which he explained are all complete sets with built in LED lights. Engineering has had the lights for over a year at the Annex and the company finally sent an email stating that the City can dispose of them however it wants to which Mr. Finney has in writing. Grove City happens to have the exact fixtures and has it in writing from their Service Director that they would like them and would be willing to pick them up. He stated that the City did not pay for them and so he would like to donate them to another government entity.

- The item was not moved forward

Mr. Finney wanted to add that he had tested various lights and has settle on a Philips bulb which are in stock and he is waiting on globe availability. He stated that he had \$100,000 budgeted for the project and they are going to come in considerably less than that at approximately \$50,000-\$60,000. The light bulbs themselves are at about \$8,500 for 152 light bulbs which are in stock in a warehouse in Pennsylvania.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

**Matt Harper, Chairperson
Streets & Sidewalks Committee**