



**Ravenna City Council
Streets & Sidewalks Committee Meeting Minutes
January 11th, 2021**

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=Q3PUOIFhh-4&t=90s>

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; Law Director, Frank Cimino; Police Chief, Jeff Wallis; Fire Chief, Geoffrey Cleveland; 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 5:52 P.M. by Chairperson, Matt Harper.

The first discussion item was the resurfacing of South Freedom Street.

Mr. Harper stated that Mr. Finney has provided three paving options to replace the brick road that is currently on South Freedom street. Option A would replace the entire roadway with a new brick surface. Option B would replace the roadway with asphalt and use old bricks for crosswalks. Option C would replace the entire roadway with concrete surface and use old bricks for crosswalks.

It was suggested to reach out to residents in the area for their input on the three options.

Mr. Kluge stated that a few people he reached out to on S. Freedom St. had preferred option B. It was discussed by Council that the road is both in need of repair but also holds historical significance. The possibility of reutilizing the bricks for future crosswalks or projects was suggested, along with discussing the differences and longevity of the different paving options. Mr. Harper stated that the item will be tabled, and that data will be compiled from residents and reported back to Council.

- The item was for discussion only and was tabled

The second discussion item was a turnaround on Woodbend Rd.

Mr. Harper stated that the item was to discuss the turnaround that was approved last month. He stated that there are approximately 30 other roads that have dead-ends in the City that could be looked at for future renovations.

Mr. Kairis explained the backstory stating that there were some residents who questioned the Woodbend turnaround when there are so many other possible dead-ends that could benefit from having one created as well. He suggested creating criteria and a plan of how dead-end streets would be chosen and what is needed, such as purchasing property, to create additional turnarounds. In the case of the Woodbend turnaround the City already owned the property

making the design and creation possible. Mr. Kairis stated that it would be a good idea to figure out what is needed and if a turnaround is possible in order to be able to provide information if a resident inquires about a certain street.

Ms. Woods stated that she would like to hear from the Street Dept. and Safety forces what their opinions are and how the dead-end areas affect their ability to do their jobs.

Mr. Harper stated that he will work with Mr. Finney to figure out the feasibility of implementing improvements to the dead-end roads.

Council members added that there is also a concern with turning around in residential driveways with heavy trucks citing potential driveway or landscape destruction.

- The item was for discussion only

Management Update

Mayor Seman stated that the turnaround that was created cost approximately \$13,000 and that additional turnarounds could possibly be put into long-range plans for paving each year.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:19 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

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