



Ravenna City Council
Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes
February 8th, 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=x6DReUKpaIA>

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 6:24 P.M. by Chairperson, Cheryl Wood.

The first item was to amend the Paris Linen Enterprise Zone Agreement.

Ms. Wood stated that the amendment is due to a merger between Paris Linen and Novo Health Services. Novo Health Services would be the new name to be used in the document.

- The item was moved forward

The second item was to enter into a contract with Bricker & Eckler.

Mayor Seman stated that the item is something that Mr. West has recommended the City do to help with CRA's (Community Reinvestment Areas). It is a firm that provides people with expertise in the area. It is an hourly contract and not a set contract, adding that Streetsboro has also employed them to take a look at their situation. The only CRA in the City is one for the movie theater, but the Mayor feels that there are other people who could benefit from a CRA. Ms. Wood stated that one of the gentlemen in the firm worked to help create the CRA program and that he is very knowledgeable on the subject.

Mr. Kairis stated that he hopes to one day see residential homeowners able to be part of the CRA, and not just businesses.

The Mayor stated that he wants the firm to look at the whole City.

- The item was moved forward

Management Update

Ms. Wood stated that the CIC (Community Investment Corporation) would like to start sending letters to homeowners, or occupants, who have done beautification improvements to their properties. They would like City Council to nominate homes and submit them to the CIC.

Ms. Wood addressed a sub-committee for the zoning reviews and updates. Mr. Kluge stated that Mr. Kairis and Ms. Wood are two good members from Council to be on it, but he will get more information out soon about who is on the subcommittee.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:36 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Cheryl Wood, Chairperson
Community & Economic Development