



**Ravenna City Council
Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes
May 17, 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=yOauzpMGOPg&t=5929s>

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; 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 7:21 P.M. by Chairperson, Cheryl Wood.

The first item was modifications to the Community Reinvestment Area map.

Mr. Finney submitted two proposals for the CRA map. The immediate need is for a business proposal in town that is adjacent to the City’s existing CRA and Mr. Finney stated that it is important to support the business that has been proposed. The other option is to consider the whole city as a CRA and said that it was up to Council to decide which direction they would prefer.

Ms. Wood stated that she would prefer to have the whole city into the CRA and that it is easier to complete it at one time instead of piecing CRA’s together. She said the due to the immediate need for the business CRA it should be done as soon as possible, and that she would like to move forward with the whole city.

Ms. Michael stated that the pros outweigh the cons to make the whole city a CRA.

Ms. Finney stated that Council needed to decide on which CRA map they would like to move forward with and then they can work on the CRA percentages later.

Mr. Calfee asked if there was a downside to making the whole city a CRA. Ms. Wood stated that she did think there was one, aside from an increased workload due to applications, adding that people will not apply if it is not going to be a big enough benefit.

- The item was moved forward

Management Update

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

**Cheryl Wood, Chairperson
Community & Economic Development**