



Ravenna City Council
Streets & Sidewalks Committee Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2022

The public meeting was held in person in City Council Chambers and live streamed via YouTube at: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= AqAm4GT3kU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AqAm4GT3kU)

Council present: Council President Andrew Kluge, Amy Michael, Rob Kairis, Paul Moskun, Cheryl Wood, Tim Calfee, Christina West, and Matt Harper.

Also attending the meeting: Mayor Frank Seman; Police Chief, Jeff Wallis; Finance Director, Brian Huff; Service Director, Kay Dubinsky; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor and Larry Silenius

The Streets & Sidewalks Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M. by Chairperson, Matt Harper.

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Mr. Harper stated that the first item was to enter into a contract with Ruhlin Construction Company for the replacement of the traffic light on the corner of Cleveland, Highland and Sycamore St. He said that the contract price is \$133,823 and the City chose the advanced detective system, which is the radar system versus the cameras, which lowered the cost.

- The item was moved forward

The second item was to enter into a contract for the Meridian St. parking lot project.

Mr. Harper stated that the item is to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with the best/low bidder. He said that the bids will be opened up next Tuesday and the Board of Control should be able to meet prior to the next Committee of the Whole meeting. The new parking lot will have landscaping and First Energy will look at the site to inform the City where the power is located for putting in an electric charge station.

Mr. Finney stated that the City is applying for an electric car charging station grant. The project is set to be done before the grant is awarded so he stated that he will lay the electrical ground work out so that the area is prepared for the possible installation of the charging station.

- The item was moved forward

Mr. Harper stated that he wanted to add a quick discussion item to the agenda regarding snow plowing and sidewalks. He said that he has received a lot of complaints and that he has discussed with the Mayor and Ms. Dubinsky a way to create a solution for better efficiency. A new plow

truck is on order and is a year out. Mr. Harper stated that the City will make residents and businesses aware of city ordinance codes regarding snow shoveling well in advance in September using the water bills.

Mr. Dubinsky stated that there was a waterline break that occurred and that unexpected issues arise which can hinder the expediency of city services. Council discussed the issue of parking bans and needing to enforce parking tickets for cars that are parked on streets that are banned causing ineffective snow plowing.

Ms. West explained that there are 121 lane miles within the city and there needs to be more communication with the community with updates regarding snow plowing.

Mr. Kairis stated that there needs to be a realistic plan for winter and the issues that arise. Council discussed new service employees and making sure that they are properly trained when snow plowing, adding that there is a lot of on-the-job training in order to understand the routes and become proficient.

Management Update

Mayor Seman stated that there is discussion that a new courthouse is being considered and that there was an article in the Record Courier on the topic. He said that there are no plans as of yet.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:38 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

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