



**RAVENNA CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
June 20, 2022, at 6:00pm**

The public meeting was held in person in Council Chambers.

The Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Council President, Andrew Kluge.

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

Also attending the meeting: Police Chief, Jeff Wallis; Finance Director, Brian Huff; Service Director, Kay Dubinsky; Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor, Dirk Remley, John McFarland, Larry Silenius, Cliff Soudil

The first item on the agenda was to approve the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes from May 23, 2022.

- Motion to approve the May 23, 2022, Committee of the Whole minutes by Ms. Wood, 2nd by Ms. West- **All Ayes**

The second item was the review of Charter Review Commission revisions.

Charter Review Commission Chairperson, Dirk Remley, addressed Council to thank all the people who were requested to interview and who volunteered to attend the meetings. He stated that the Commission worked together carefully and respectfully to craft their revisions. Each Charter revision will be crafted into legislation to be passed, with a total of five ordinances. Mr. Kairis asked about the addition of virtual meetings and what an emergency meant. Mr. Remley explained that there was concern regarding the abuse of the privilege and stated that the Charter addition was left to allow Council to craft an ordinance to define the allowance of virtual/hybrid meetings, and that Council can define emergency usage. Mr. Kairis inquired about the change to elected official salary revisions and Mr. Remley explained that the Commission wanted Council to maintain salaries with cost of living and inflation increases, therefore they made a revision prior to an election mandatory. Mr. Kairis asked why the Commission changed the required number of Charter Review Commission members from 13 to 9. Mr. Remley stated that it was difficult to find members to serve and it was a reasonable number that other municipalities had for their Commissions. Mr. Kairis inquired about the Commission secretary position and Mr. Remley stated that the Commission suggested updating the salary prior to each Charter Review and instill a flat rate, adding that if the clerk serves, they receive compensation time which is not reflective of the overall workload. Mr. Kairis asked about the addition of a Chairperson on the Commission and Mr. Remley stated that it is to help facilitate meetings and create a liaison, adding that the position holds no higher authority than anyone else serving on the Commission.

- All Council present responded in favor to move the item forward for legislation.

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The third item was an ordinance to amend Chapter 446 of the codified ordinances.

Ms. Michael stated that she has compiled a list of ordinance examples to help the city tighten up All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) restrictions to eliminate problems, adding that neighborhoods are becoming victimized by inappropriate use of recreational vehicles.

Mr. Kairis stated his concern for unforeseen problems that may arise from implementing certain prohibitions.

Mr. Calfee inquired about having three readings for the ordinance, but Ms. Michael stated that the issue is an emergency.

Ms. Wood stated that she has witnessed a dust storm due to recreational ATV use on a residential property and that it has become a health issue.

Mr. Kluge and Mr. Harper stated their support for exceptions of ATV usage, such as snow removal and emergency situations.

- Motion to amend the agenda from a discussion to ordinance by Ms. Michael, 2nd by Ms. Wood- **All Ayes**
- All Council present responded in favor to move the item forward for legislation.

The fourth item was an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for the 2022 pavement markings.

Mr. Harper stated that the item is for the annual pavement marking and striping project.

- All Council present responded in favor to move the item forward for legislation.

The fifth item was an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Spano Brothers Construction.

Mr. Moskun stated that the item is to replace the waterlines on Page St. and Scranton St. There is a possibility that the project might not start until next year due to supply issues.

- All Council present responded in favor to move the item forward for legislation.

The sixth item was an ordinance to enter into an agreement between the City and NDS for RLF plans.

Ms. Wood stated that the item is a housekeeping agreement that the City goes into with NDS every 5 years to manage RLF loans.

- All Council present responded in favor to move the item forward for legislation.

The seventh item was an ordinance to approve the 2023 Tax Budget.

Mr. Huff stated that there will be a Tax Budget Commission meeting on next Thursday to discuss the budget and then the Tax Budget will be sent out to Council. There will be no ordinance at the July Regular Council meeting and the item will be discussed again at the Committee meeting.

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- The item was not moved forward for legislation and will be at the July Committee meeting.

Mr. Kluge stated that he is unable to attend the August 15th Committee meeting and has requested to reschedule the meeting to the previous Monday since there is no meeting scheduled for that day. There was no objection to the request.

- Motion to move the August Committee meeting from the 15th to the 8th by Mr. Kairis, 2nd by Mr. Calfee- **All Ayes**

There being no further business before Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm

- Motion to adjourn at 6:55 pm by Mr. Kairis, 2nd by Ms. Wood- **All Ayes**

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Council President