



Ravenna City Council
Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2021

The public meeting was held in person and live streamed via YouTube at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jwTUyR9inU8>

Council present: Acting Council President Amy Michael, Rob Kairis, Tim Calfee, Christina West, Paul Moskun and Matt Harper.

Also in attendance: Mayor Frank Seman; Finance Director, Brian Huff; Service Director, Kay Dubinsky; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor; Larry Silenius; Cliff Soudil; and Diane Smith

The Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting was called to order at 7:22 pm.

The first item was the review and approval of a 15-year tax abatement.

Mayor Seman stated that the first item is the review and approval of the 15-year tax abatement for the Enterprise Zone Agreement for the new business that he believes is going to be located at Ray Harner's Chestnut St. location. The school board gave their approval last Monday and he has a copy of their resolution to waive the 45-day waiting period. The item would be for an ordinance to approve the 15-year tax abatement which would then go off to Portage County for their approval.

- The item was moved forward

The second item was a MOU for the continued demolition of 645 Chestnut St.

Mayor Seman stated that the MOU would be for the continued demolition of 645 Chestnut St. between the City and the contractor demolishing and removing the debris for one year. The Mayor stated he will sign the MOU at the end of the year meeting.

- The item was moved forward

The third item was a contract with the State of Ohio for RLF Funds.

The contract is an annual housekeeping item with the State of Ohio for the RLF Funds that will be passed at the end of year meeting.

- The item was moved forward

The fourth item was the preparation for Rayann Parkway at Chestnut Commerce.

There will be multiple ordinances required to administer the grants and additional funding necessary for Rayann Parkway. There will be approximately \$600,000 in grant funding and

\$700,000 in additional funding to complete the project. The City must front the grant money for the project and then it will get reimbursed once completed.

- The item was for discussion only

Management Update

Mayor Seman stated that the City has been busy with new businesses coming to town and taking over existing buildings or planning on building new facilities.

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**