



**RAVENNA CITY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES  
July 18, 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: Mayor Frank Seman; Law Director, Frank Cimino; Police Chief, Jeff Wallis; Finance Director, Brian Huff; Service Director, Kay Dubinsky; John McFarland, Larry Silenius, Cliff Soudil

Mr. Kluge stated that there were some individuals present that would like to address Council, adding that Council typically does not take public comment prior to Committee of the Whole but they will accept a brief statement.

Marquix Cole, also known as his stage name Eli Nash, addressed Council to explain some complaints that occurred at the Ravenna Rocks Concert Series and to take responsibility. He stated it was a stressful day getting things organized and some performers under his umbrella of musical acts did not behave or dress in a family friendly way. Aside from certain aspects he did share that he heard positive comments and was grateful for the opportunity that the Chamber of Commerce and the West Main Street Winery gave to him to perform.

**The first item on the agenda was to approve the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes from June 21, 2022.**

- Motion to approve the June 21, 2022, Committee of the Whole minutes by Ms. Wood, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. West- **All Ayes**

**The second item was to amend Chapter 446, Section 446.03 of the Codified Ordinances.**

Ms. Michael stated that the item has been discussed in length. A proposed amendment to Chapter 446.03 was to limit the proximity of use to 250 feet from any building, street, or highway, or boundary line of an adjoining or abutting parcel, but after discussion Council compromised to adjust it to 200 feet. In addition, Council removed “Residential-Business” from the allowance of use because Ravenna does not have that as a zoning description.

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

**The third item was an ordinance to amend Chapter 1060 of the Codified Ordinances.**

Ms. Michael stated that there have been several complaints lately about trash can placement and she has been looking into creating a more defined ordinance to address the placement of trash cans in front of homes. She said that there needs to be some exceptions because not all city lots are laid out the same and would need to be exempt at the discretion of the Service Director and Building Department.

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Mr. Kairis addressed the fact that Portage County does not have any rules regarding the placement of, and length of time, that their recycling cans can stay out.

Ms. Michael acknowledged that there are different factors that need to be looked at and addressed regarding the topic and will talk with the Law Director.

- All Council present responded to keep the item in Committee.

### **The fourth item was an ordinance authorizing the certification of 2022 tax assessments.**

Mr. Moskun stated that the item is for delinquent water and sewer bills, property maintenance, rental inspections, and nuisance mowing and garbage that have gone unpaid. The delinquent fees will be certified and placed on the property owner's taxes.

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

### **The fifth item was an ordinance authorizing an Agency Disclosure Statement.**

Mr. Kairis stated that the item is for the Wahoo Wetlands Preserve, also known as the Emerald Lake property. He said that the Agency Disclosure Statement is required by law to acknowledge that Neil K. Hess and his brokerage firm are representing R.R. Wellington, adding that Mr. Hess had also written the grant on behalf of the City of Ravenna to purchase the property.

It was acknowledged that there are two related items for consideration and that the current item is authorizing the Mayor to sign the dual agency agreement addressed within the disclosure statement.

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

### **The sixth item was an ordinance authorizing the distribution of funds to be budgeted to Everflow.**

Mr. Kairis stated that the City is going to receive a new document regarding the closing costs of the property purchase and the funds associated with the capping of the current gas well on the property. The City will have to pay \$5,000 to the energy company and then the funds will be reimbursed. There will be funds paid out from the grant that will pay for the anticipated future gas and oil rights that the well is anticipated to have produced to compensate for the premature capping of the well. Mr. Kairis stated that there seemed to be some discrepancy of costs that need to be looked into further. He explained that Everflow owns the oil well and they are asking for a fee to abandon their rights to the well, \$34,000 to cap the well and a \$5,000 deposit in advance, adding that the \$5,000 will be reimbursed. Ms. Wood stated her concern that the numbers on the documents did not match up and Ms. Michael addressed that it would make things easier if Judy Watkins came to the meeting to help clarify matters.

- 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 the only change that he had made was to the 252 Hud Fund and everything else is the same. He said that he is asking for approval that evening so that he can get the ordinance to the County Auditor's office that week.

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

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**There being no further business before Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm**

- Motion to adjourn at 6:50 pm by Mr. Kairis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Wood- **All Ayes**

**ATTEST:**

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**Clerk of Council**

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**Council President**