



**Ravenna City Council**  
**Streets & Sidewalks Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**October 17, 2022**

**The public meeting was held in person in Council Chambers.**

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; Finance Director, Brian Huff; Service Director, Kay Dubinsky; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor, Arasin Hughes, Larry Silenius, Cliff Soudil, John McFarland and Diane Smith

**The Streets & Sidewalks Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:45 P.M. by Chairperson, Matt Harper.**

**The first item was ODOT bridge inspection.**

Mr. Finney explained that ODOT would like to inspect the City's only bridge which is located on S. Prospect St. He stated that the City has entered into an agreement with ODOT previously to provide this service and that there is no cost to the City.

- The item was moved forward

**The second item was the annual paving budget.**

Mr. Finney explained that he wanted to go over the annual paving budget for next year and stated that he is eager to purchase another phase of bricks for Freedom St. He said that there are two projects coming up that are a split share cost and that they have been requested to be paved at the same time, adding that the City will pay 10% of the S. Prospect project and 20% of the N. Chestnut St. project.

Mr. Finney stated that the paving of Rt. 59 has been moved up to the fall of 2023 or spring of 2024.

Mr. Finney stated that he is working on a project to widen W. Main St. within 2 years. He said that First Energy needs to move poles and there will be new curbing on the south side of the street. The section to be widened will be between Madison and the middle school.

Mr. Kluge asked how streets are prioritized to be paved.

Mr. Finney stated that there is a numerical formula with 25 bits of information and asked to be made aware of any streets in the city that are particularly bad.

Mr. Calfee asked about expanding sidewalk replacements throughout the city.

Mr. Finney explained that historically residents pay 1/3 of the cost of sidewalk replacements.

Mr. Calfee stated that he would like to see a more organized way of systematically replacing sidewalks.

Mr. Moskun addressed tree root damage to sidewalks and discussed possible root trimming.

Mr. Harper stated that there should be a system to evaluate areas.

Ms. Wood stated that she would like to see and re-evaluate solutions to sidewalks.

- The item was for discussion only

**The third item was a survey of W. Main St.**

Mr. Finney stated that he would like to have a survey done along W. Main St. to widen the south side of it. He explained that it would be the second phase of the project. The item would be to appropriate \$15,000 and enter into a contract with Hammontree Associates.

- The item was moved forward

Mr. Kluge asked for an update on the Highland/Cleveland and Sycamore St. project and Mr. Finney stated that the City is still waiting on two steel poles to finish the project.

**Management Update**

Mayor Seman stated that there has been discussion with PARTA about relocating the courthouse lawn bus stop to the courthouse parking lot, but nothing has been solidified. He said that PARTA confirmed that Ravenna will receive a trolley style bus in the coming future.

**There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:07 P.M.**

**ATTEST:**

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**Clerk of Council**

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