



**Ravenna City Council
Public Hearing Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2022 at 6:00 pm**

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

The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Council President, Andrew Kluge

Roll Call

The following Council Members were present: Council President Andrew Kluge, Amy Michael, Rob Kairis, Tim Calfee, Cheryl Wood, Christina West, and Matt Harper.

Also attending the meeting: Mayor Frank Seman; Law Director, Frank Cimino; Police Chief, Jeff Wallis; Finance Director, Brian Huff; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor, Doug Edwards, John McFarland, Cliff Soudil, Larry Silenius and Diane Smith

The Ravenna City Council conducted a Public Hearing regarding proposed Ordinance No. 2022-115.

Ordinance No. 2022-115 was read by the Clerk.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-115 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RAVENNA, PART 12 – PLANNING AND ZONING CODE – TITLE SIX – ZONING; CHAPTER 1266 – DISTRICTS GENERALLY AND ZONING MAP, SECTION 1266.03 – ZONING MAP BY REZONING PORTAGE COUNTY PARCEL NUMBER 31-316-10-00-012-000 FROM R-4 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO I-1 INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, AS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT “A”.

Mr. Kluge asked the Clerk if there were any public comments submitted to her and she said no.

Mayor Seman stated that he had one gentleman call who owns a landscaping company to express his concern that the marijuana dispensary was located close to the High School, Children’s Advantage and Carlin School. Mayor Seman explained to Council that the state runs the stipulations of where marijuana dispensaries can be located, and that the ordinance item has been vetted and approved by the Planning Commission to be forwarded to Council for final approval.

Doug Edwards of 742 North Chestnut, expressed his concern about the zoning change and stated that a lot of people do not care about the item, but stated that he does not want the dispensary in his ward and that he is against it.

Ms. Michael asked if there was any legal way to stop the dispensary from doing business at its location, and added that the item has been discussed in great length at Council.

Mr. Finney stated that it would stop the project of the additional parking lot if zoning for the adjacent lot was not passed.

Mr. Calfee clarified that the current location of the dispensary has a parking lot and the lack of additional parking could hinder their customer parking, but voting no on passing the zoning ordinance would not stop the business from setting up shop at that location.

There were no additional comments.

- Motion to adjourn at 6:08 pm by Ms. Michael, 2nd by Ms. West- **All Ayes**

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:08 pm

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

President of Council