



**Ravenna City Council**  
**Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**July 11, 2022**

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

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

Also attending the meeting: Mayor Frank Seman; Finance Director, Brian Huff; Service Director, Kay Dubinsky; Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor, Cliff Soudil, Larry Silenius, John McFarland and Diane Smith

**The Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting was called to order at 7:32 P.M. by Chairperson, Amy Michael.**

Property Maintenance Official, Don Rose, introduced himself to Council and explained his position of doing property inspections throughout the city.

Ms. Michael thanked him for his hard work and stated that people don't like receiving property citations and expressed her appreciation for the difficult job that he has.

Mr. Rose stated that he tries to soften issues and talk with residents explaining that many times people don't have the money or family to help them out with issues, which includes a lot of senior citizens.

Ms. Wood stated that there are assistance programs available for home repairs and suggested that Mr. Rose could include the information in with his letters.

Mr. Michael stated that there are people who don't follow the rules and would like to have enforcement for repeat offenders. She inquired about the protocol for complaints and issues.

Mr. Rose explained that it is considered a violation and then it leads into a nuisance complaint if it is not addressed and remedied.

Mr. Kluge explained the work order process and stated that the administrative assistant records the work order complaints and facilitates the complaint to the proper department or person.

**The first item was 4-Wheelers/ All-Terrain Vehicles.**

Ms. Michael stated that she knocked on some residential doors in the area where ATV's were a nuisance and explained the health concerns that residents were experiencing with dust clouds. She said that ATV's are for use in the country and not in the city.

Ms. West stated that Council is stuck on the logistics of regulating the use of ATV's.

Mr. Kairis recommended reducing the suggested allowable property acreage from down from 5 acres and reducing the permissible space between properties from 250 feet to 150 feet. He stated

his concern that banning ATV's can be problematic and suggested giving the authority to the police to regulate them. Mr. Kairis clarified that ATV's are permissible for a handful of non-recreational uses, such as snow plowing and trash hauling.

Ms. Michael stated that a reasonable parameter needs to be established.

Ms. Wood stated that the ATV revision is to protect neighbors so that they can enjoy their property and that Council should trust what the Law Director advises.

Mr. Kairis addressed the uses of an ATV for non-recreational use and addressing that a violation could result in impounding the vehicle for misuse.

- The item was moved forward for changes to be made in the pending ordinance.

### **The second item was Trash Can Placement.**

Ms. Michael addressed the issue of trash cans staying in place in front of houses that do not get moved back.

Ms. Wood suggested having a provision that trash cans get moved to the building line and address how the cans are kept.

Ms. Michael suggested keeping trash cans on the side of the residential property and informing residents on the water bill.

Mr. Soudil addressed Council to suggest that fencing can be utilized to hide trash cans from sight when not in use.

Mr. Kluge stated that he is for helping things become cleaned up, but he is not for creating more restrictions for residents.

Mr. Kairis stated that there could be exceptions for individuals based upon the property type or physical limitations.

Mr. Kluge agreed and asked that there be exceptions that can be decided on by the Service Director.

Ms. West wanted to make sure that any changes to the trash ordinance were communicated to residents.

Mr. Kluge stated that notification is important and that residents should get warnings before the ordinance is enforced.

Mayor Seman reminded Council that a number of elderly residents would be affected by any regulations that are put in place limiting trash can locations.

- The item was moved forward.

### **Management Update**

**There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.**

**ATTEST:**

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**Clerk of Council**

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**Amy Michael, Chairperson  
Public Health and Safety Committee**