



Ravenna City Council
Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2023

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

Council present: Council President Andrew Kluge, Amy Michael, Rob Kairis, Paul Moskun, Cheryl Wood, Tim Calfee, Christina West

Also attending the meeting: Mayor Frank Seman; Police Chief, Jeff Wallis; Fire Chief, Mark Chapple; Finance Director, Brian Huff; Service Director, Kay Dubinsky; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor, Larry Silenius, Cliff Soudil, Lou Dudek, Amy Adams, Arasin Hughes, Bill Barber, John McFarland and Diane Smith

The Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairperson, Cheryl Wood.

The first item was the approval of a HOME RLF Forgivable Loan.

Ms. Wood explained that Habitat for Humanity is planning to remodel a home located at 413 Lincoln Ave. and the estimated cost is \$180,000 including donated volunteers and materials. She stated that the duplex will be rehabbed to be a single-family home and will be gutted down to the studs and tested. Ms. Wood stated that the City currently has a balance of \$292,000 in the HOME RLF Fund and is asking for Council to consider approving an amount to assist Habitat for Humanity with the renovation. She said it is a great program and suggested an amount between \$50,000 to \$75,000.

Ms. Michael stated that she is okay with approving \$50,000 to \$55,000 and is happy to see it changed to a one-family home.

Mr. Calfee asked why the City is being asked for funding.

Ms. Wood stated that it is because Habitat for Humanity used to be part of the CHIP program.

Mr. Calfee stated that \$50,000 would be a reasonable amount, but not more.

Ms. Wood stated that the amount would be 100% forgiven over 5 years and the City would only do a loan if it was below 5 years, adding that the money would go directly to Habitat for Humanity.

Mr. Finney stated that there would be a prorated amount below 5 years.

- The item was forwarded.

The second item was a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) review.

Ms. Wood stated that Council promised to have a discussion to review the DORA after the implementation to talk about any questions or concerns.

Ms. Wood asked Chief Wallis if they had had any issues with the DORA and Chief Wallis responded that he did not. Arasin Hughes from Main Street Ravenna also stated that they have not experienced any negative issues.

Ms. Michael stated that she has heard positive remarks and that the DORA is not as utilized as she thought it would be but thinks that people still need to learn about it. There are three available DORA establishments and Council stated their interest in learning what the DORA drink numbers sold are estimated at. Mayor Seman stated that the city will have to wait until summer to see how the events affect the sale of DORA drinks, adding that there were some people at Midnight Madness who were utilizing the DORA and had DORA drinks.

- The item was for discussion only.

Management Update

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:18 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

**Cheryl Wood, Chairperson
Community & Economic Development**