



**Ravenna City Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday, February 5, 2024, at 6:00 pm**

**The Regular Council Meeting was held in person in Council Chambers.**

**The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. February 5, 2024, by Council President, Andrew Kluge**

**Moment of Meditation & Silence**

President Kluge called a moment of meditation and silence.

**Pledge to Flag**

President Kluge then led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

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

Also in attendance: Mayor Frank Seman; Law Director, Frank Cimino, Police Chief, Jeff Wallis; Fire Chief, Mark Chapple; Service Director, Tim Contant; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Finance Director, Brian Huff; Council Clerk; Chelsea Gregor, Bill Wisniewski, Tami Lorence, Larry Silenius, John Sferra, John Plough, Diane Smith

- Motion to excuse Ms. Wood by Ms. Michael, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. West- **All Ayes**

**Approval of the Minutes:**

- Motion to approve the December 29, 2023 Special Council meeting and January 2, 2023, Regular Council meeting minutes by Mr. Kairis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Moskun- **All Ayes**

**Communications-** A financial disclosure filing reminder from the Ohio Ethics Commission.

**Delegations from the Public-** Bill Wisniewski addressed Council on behalf of the 1,954 students and staff to thank them for their support of the Ravenna School District and to provide them an update. He said that the family and city services that Ravenna provides are second to none and that good programs have grown. Mr. Wisniewski explained that there are students that have no clear direction after high school and that the school district has a partnership program with businesses to help students figure out their future. He also explained that for the last 19 years the Ravenna School District has been good stewards of finance and said that the last levy was in 2005. Mr. Wisniewski stated that the cost of services and utilities have gone up and that 14.5 teachers had to be let go which helped to save approximately \$1 million dollars but said that when you make cuts you also bleed. He said that the schools are experiencing a 43% attendance problem and are dealing with the aftereffects of pandemic education and the learning deficit that it has caused. Mr. Wisniewski stated that the school's report card did increase from 1 out of 5 stars to 2.5 stars and that algebra scores have increased by 13%. He explained that another advantage that Ravenna provides is all day kindergarten and a sliding scale to be able to provide opportunities for families to participate in extras like field trips who may not be able to afford them. Mr. Wisniewski stated that the school is happy to be providing therapists and counselors to students of all ages and provides special education for an increased number of students now that Happy Day School has closed. He also relayed that not all students look forward to snow days or vacation days because school provides two meals and a stable environment, adding that 75% of students fall within the poverty guidelines. Mr. Wisniewski said that Ravens Packs is able to provide food for students to take home with them and that the school also provides clothing shelters and laundry services for those students in need. He thanked City Council for their support of the Ravenna School District levy.

John Plough addressed Council to speak on a previous item that he had addressed regarding tree maintenance. He stated that four trees had recently been taken down and asked if the City had purchased the Resistograph that he had suggested.

Mr. Harper stated that the City will not be purchasing one because the arborist has access to them if he needs them.

Mr. Plough thanked the Police Department for placing the portable speed limit sign on his street for a week and said that he had witnessed someone driving 48 mph in a 25-mph zone.

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He explained that he had purchased some 25 mph signs to place on existing posts but that the Service Department had taken them down to put up no parking signs.  
Mr. Contant stated that he would check on the speed limit signs that were removed.

**Report of Officials:**

- Motion to approve the Report of Officials by Ms. Michael, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Kairis- **All Ayes**

**Report of Committees: Committee meetings start at 6:00 PM 2/12/2023.**

**Utilities:** Mr. Moskun stated that there is nothing for the committee meeting.

**Information Systems:** Ms. West stated that there will be a meeting next week to review the City Survey.

**Planning:** Mr. Kairis stated that there are 3 items on the agenda and there will be a meeting next week.

**Committee of the Whole:** Mr. Kluge stated that the next Committee of the Whole meeting is Tuesday, February 20, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

**Public Health & Safety:** Ms. Michael stated that there are a couple items on the agenda and she is unsure about a meeting next week.

**Streets & Sidewalks:** Mr. Harper stated that there are 3 items on the agenda and a meeting is to be determined.

**Personnel:** Mr. Calfee stated that there will not be a committee meeting.

**Community & Economic Development:** A meeting is to be determined.

**Cemetery:** Mr. Moskun explained that the ponds will be treated and cleaned by Aqua Doc. He added that there was a \$77,000 carryover and that the cemetery is looking good financially, but that money will have to eventually go towards paving and chapel restoration.  
Mr. Harper stated that they are walking through the details of a new bridge.

**Parks & Recreation:** Ms. West stated that the interior of the Tower Lodge has been painted and youth volleyball and gymnastics is underway. She said that the Parks Board has chosen GPD Group to design Osborn Park and softball signs up have begun.

**First Reading of Ordinances:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-009** AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A DONATION TO THE RAVENNA FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE SUM OF \$1,000.00 FROM THE SWAGELOK COMPANY, RECORDING ESTIMATED REVENUES IN THE SUM OF \$1,000.00 AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,000.00, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Michael stated that the ordinance is to accept a generous donation and there is no match required. There being no further comments or questions.

- Motion to waive three separate readings by Ms. Michael, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Moskun- **All Ayes**
- Motion to adopt emergency clause by Ms. Michael, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Kairis- **All Ayes**
- Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2024-009 by Mr. Harper, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Moskun- **All Ayes**

Ordinance 2024-009 was adopted.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-010** AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A DONATION TO THE RAVENNA POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE SUM OF \$1,000.00 FROM THE SWAGELOK COMPANY; RECORDING ESTIMATED REVENUES IN THE SUM OF \$1,000.00 AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,000.00, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Michael stated that the item is the same as the previous donation and thanked Swagelok. There being no further comments or questions.

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- Motion to waive three separate readings by Ms. West, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Michael- **All Ayes**
- Motion to adopt emergency clause by Ms. West, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Moskun- **All Ayes**
- Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2024-010 by Ms. West, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Kairis- **All Ayes**

Ordinance 2024-010 was adopted.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-011** AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A DONATION TO THE RAVENNA POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE SUM OF \$250.00 FROM THE RAVENNA ELKS LODGE; RECORDING ESTIMATED REVENUES IN THE SUM OF \$250.00 AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$250.00, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Michael stated that the item is to accept the appreciated donation and thanked the Ravenna Elks Lodge. There being no further comments or questions.

- Motion to waive three separate readings by Mr. Kairis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Moskun- **All Ayes**
- Motion to adopt emergency clause by Ms. Michael, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. West- **All Ayes**
- Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2024-011 by Mr. Harper, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Moskun- **All Ayes**

Ordinance 2024-011 was adopted.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-012** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE 2024 OCJS STATE OF OHIO BODY-WORN CAMERA GRANT PROGRAM IN THE SUM OF \$10,425.00, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Michael stated that the ordinance is to accept the grant and that there is no match required.

Mr. Calfee asked how many police officers would wear the body cameras.

Chief Wallis stated that the new cameras would supplement the existing ones and that everyone wears a body camera. There being no further comments or questions.

- Motion to waive three separate readings by Ms. Michael, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Moskun- **All Ayes**
- Motion to adopt emergency clause by Ms. Michael, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Kairis- **All Ayes**
- Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2024-012 by Mr. Harper, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Moskun- **All Ayes**

Ordinance 2024-012 was adopted.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-013** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MONTROSE FORD TO PURCHASE THREE (3) NEW VEHICLES FOR THE RAVENNA POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM FUND 553, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Chief Wallis stated that the Police Department started the process of replacing 6 police cruisers from 2018 last year, and the remaining 3 cruisers became available this year. He stated that the 6 police cruisers would be good to utilize for short distances and that they can be added into the City fleet of vehicles for whichever department could use them to get from point A to point B.

There being no further comments or questions.

- Motion to waive three separate readings by Ms. West, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Moskun- **All Ayes**
- Motion to adopt emergency clause by Ms. Michael, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Kairis- **All Ayes**
- Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2024-013 by Mr. Harper, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Kairis- **All Ayes**

Ordinance 2024-013 was adopted.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-014** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RAVENNA, PART TEN – STREETS, UTILITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE; TITLE FOUR – UTILITIES; CHAPTER 1044 – SEWERS GENERALLY, SECTION 1044.02 – USE OF PUBLIC SEWERS REQUIRED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Finney stated that the ordinance is to update the code to be in compliance with EPA regulations. There being no further comments or questions.

- Motion to waive three separate readings by Mr. Calfee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Moskun- **All Ayes**
- Motion to adopt emergency clause by Mr. Calfee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. West- **All Ayes**
- Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2024-014 by Mr. Calfee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Moskun- **All Ayes**

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Ordinance 2024-014 was adopted.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-015** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RAVENNA PART TEN – STREETS, UTILITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE; TITLE FOUR – UTILITIES; CHAPTER 1052 – STORM WATER MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE, SECTION 1052.08 – EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PLAN AND SECTION 1052.09- ILLCIT DISCHARGES AS AMENDED IN EXHIBIT "A",AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Finney stated that the ordinance is to update the code based on the EPA guidelines. There being no further comments or questions.

- Motion to waive three separate readings by Ms. Michael, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Moskun- **All Ayes**
- Motion to adopt emergency clause by Mr. Kairis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. West- **All Ayes**
- Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2024-015 by Ms. Michael, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. West- **All Ayes**

Ordinance 2024-015 was adopted.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-016** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, ACCORDING TO LAW, FOR THE 2024 PAVING PROGRAM, TO INCLUDE ASPHALT, CONCRETE STREETS, CRACK SEALING, AND SIDEWALKS, PURSUANT TO SPECIFICATIONS NOW ON FILE IN THE MAYOR’S OFFICE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Harper stated that the item is to advertise for bids for the annual paving program, which will include the final phase of brick on Freedom St. and the paving of Main St. There being no further comments or questions.

- Motion to waive three separate readings by Mr. Calfee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. West- **All Ayes**
- Motion to adopt emergency clause by Mr. Calfee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. West- **All Ayes**
- Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2024-016 by Mr. Calfee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. West- **All Ayes**

Ordinance 2024-016 was adopted.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-017** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, ACCORDING TO LAW, FOR THE 2024 PAINTING OF PAVEMENT MARKINGS AND STRIPING, PURSUANT TO SPECIFICATIONS NOW ON FILE IN THE MAYOR’S OFFICE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Harper stated that the item is to repaint all the crosswalks and school zones once the new paving is completed. There being no further comments or questions.

- Motion to waive three separate readings by Mr. Harper, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Kairis- **All Ayes**
- Motion to adopt emergency clause by Ms. West, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Harper- **All Ayes**
- Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2024-017 by Mr. Harper, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. West- **All Ayes**

Ordinance 2024-017 was adopted.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-018** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GPD GROUP TO DESIGN THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADE AT KING ST. AND MAIN ST. AND APPROPRIATING \$12,000 FROM FUND 224, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Harper stated that there was lots of discussion and that it is straightforward.

Mayor Seman stated that the school would like to be involved with the project since they are in such close proximity.

Mr. Harper stated that the City will have to wait for the survey results before it can take the next steps.

Ms. Michael questioned the money being spent for a survey instead of using the funds towards a full light replacement.

Mr. Finney stated that a warrant analysis is needed and if Council does not like the recommendation, then they can do a full intersection replacement.

Mr. Kairis asked why \$12,000 was appropriated when the cost is approximately \$6,000.

Mr. Finney stated that the warrant analysis should not exceed \$15,000 but it was to ensure enough funds were available.

Mr. Harper said that ultimately Council has final say on what happens to the intersection.

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Council identified a traffic signal at Riddle and Myrtle that could potentially be used to replace the Main and King St. traffic signal since it is an underutilized traffic signal.  
There being no further comments or questions.

- Motion to waive three separate readings by Mr. Calfee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Harper- **All Ayes**
- Motion to adopt emergency clause by Mr. Calfee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Moskun- **All Ayes**
- Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2024-018 by Mr. Calfee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Harper- **All Ayes**

Ordinance 2024-018 was adopted.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-019** AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$38,496.67 FROM FUNDS 553, 650, 670, AND 677 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SALT SPREADER AND PLOW EQUIPMENT FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Harper stated that the funds are to outfit the new Service Department truck with salt and plow equipment. There being no further comments or questions.

- Motion to waive three separate readings by Mr. Harper, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Moskun- **All Ayes**
- Motion to adopt emergency clause by Mr. Harper, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. West- **All Ayes**
- Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2024-019 by Mr. Harper, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Kairis- **All Ayes**

Ordinance 2024-019 was adopted.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-020** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL WATER METERS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000 FROM FERGUSON WATERWORKS, AND APPROPRIATING \$64,000 FROM THE WATER FUND, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Moskun explained that the commercial and industrial meters are reaching their end-of-life usage and that the 3", 4" and 6" inch meters will need to be replaced. He said that Ferguson Waterworks is the only company on the eastern side of the United States to be 100% compatible with the Utility Billing system.

Mr. Kairis stated his concern that the purchase would exceed the bidding threshold and wanted clarification that the ordinance approval was deemed appropriate.

The Law Director stated that since it is a specialty product and that they are the only close provider, exceptions can be made.

Mr. Kluge suggested leaving the ordinance on for second reading to look into the matter.

Mr. Moskun emphasized that the life span of the current meter is slowing down and that the new meters are essential.

Mr. Kairis agreed that he would like the item clarified before Council votes on it.

Mr. Huff noted that the ordinance is not a construction project that would require a bidding process but a large purchase of singular items.

Mr. Kairis stated that in the case of a unique or specialty provider, that the explanation be included in the body of the ordinance.

There being no further comments or questions.

Ordinance 2024-020 was left on for second reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-021** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RAVENNA, PART TEN- STREETS, UTILITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE, TITLE FOUR – UTILITIES; CHAPTER 1040 – WATER GENERALLY; SECTION 1040.02 – RATES AND CHARGES; DISPOSITION OF FUNDS; NO FREE SERVICE; BILLING AND PAYMENT, SUBSECTION (2) C.O.L.A., UPDATING THE RATE ESTABLISHED FOR THE YEAR 2024, SUBSECTION (9) DECLINING BLOCK RATE, SPECIAL., AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Moskun stated that the item is to increase the water rates due to the cost-of-living increase. He said that the rates are different between the water and sewer, and that the increase is 3.4%.

There being no further comments or questions.

- Motion to waive three separate readings by Mr. Kairis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Moskun- **All Ayes**
- Motion to adopt emergency clause by Ms. West, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Moskun- **All Ayes**
- Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2024-021 by Mr. Kairis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Moskun- **All Ayes**

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- Ms. Michael was unavailable to vote during the first motion.

Ordinance 2024-021 was adopted.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-022** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RAVENNA, PART TEN- STREETS, UTILITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE, TITLE FOUR – UTILITIES; CHAPTER 1046 – SEWER CHARGES; SECTION 1046.08 BASIS FOR USER CHARGE COMPUTATIONS; SUBSECTION (c), (d), and (e). SECTION 1046.11 – BILLING RATES; DISCOUNT; LATE PAYMENT PENALTY; SUBSECTION (a) BY CHANGING THE EFFECTIVE DATE AND INCREASING THE PER BILL CHARGE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Moskun stated that the ordinance goes along with the previous ordinance and that there is a breakdown of different rates for the sewer.

There being no further comments or questions.

- Motion to waive three separate readings by Ms. Michael, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Kairis- **All Ayes**
- Motion to adopt emergency clause by Ms. Michael, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Moskun- **All Ayes**
- Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2024-022 by Ms. West, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Kairis- **All Ayes**

Ordinance 2024-022 was adopted.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-023** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR A CONNECTING COMMUNITIES GRANT THROUGH AMATS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Kairis explained that the City had applied unsuccessfully for the grant in 2016 to do a feasibility study to connect the Hike and Bike Trail to downtown Ravenna. He said that there is no match required and that Ms. Watkins and Todd Peetz have been working on the new grant.

Mr. Finney said that there is no match required and if approved Ms. Watkins would work with an AMATS consultant to perform the report, adding that any resulting construction would be paid for by the City. There being no further comments or questions.

- Motion to waive three separate readings by Ms. Michael, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Kairis- **All Ayes**
- Motion to adopt emergency clause by Mr. Kairis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Moskun- **All Ayes**
- Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2024-023 by Ms. West, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Michael- **All Ayes**

Ordinance 2024-023 was adopted.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-024** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH T. MANFRASS & ASSOCIATES ARCHITECTS, LLC, OF RAVENNA TO DEVELOP A SCOPE OF SERVICES FOR A NEW PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITY AND TO APPROPRIATE AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,000 FROM THE PARK CI FUND, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Kairis stated that the City did a scope of services for a new city complex and is now asking to include the Parks and Recreation Department.

Ms. Michael asked who the architect would be and it was stated it would be Manfrass Architects since they did the city complex design.

Mr. Finney stated that he revised the contract to include the Parks and Recreation Department. He added that the architect was going to review the current RAC to include renovation options, along with design plans for a new building, but said that Ms. Watkins has omitted option 1 of renovating the current facility. There being no further comments or questions.

- Motion to waive three separate readings by Mr. Calfee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. West- **All Ayes**
- Motion to adopt emergency clause by Mr. Calfee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. West- **All Ayes**
- Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2024-024 by Mr. Calfee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. West- **All Ayes**

Ordinance 2024-024 was adopted.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-025** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GPD GROUP TO DESIGN A CONCEPTUAL PLAN FOR OSBORN PARK AND APPROPRIATING \$10,000 FROM THE PARK CI FUND, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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Mr. Kairis stated that there was a competitive RFP and GPD Group was chosen as the best company to design the park.

Mr. Finney said that the park is named Osborn Park after the person who donated the property to the City but said that it could be changed. There being no further comments or questions.

- Motion to waive three separate readings by Ms. Michael, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Kairis- **All Ayes**
- Motion to adopt emergency clause by Mr. Harper, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. West- **All Ayes**
- Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2024-025 by Mr. Harper, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. West- **All Ayes**

Ordinance 2024-025 was adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-026** A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PASSAGE OF THE \$2,700,000 EMERGENCY LEVY FOR THE RAVENNA SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Mr. Moskun asked what the tax increase would be.

Mr. Wisniewski stated that a \$100,000 home would incur \$242 per year extra in taxes, or \$20 per month. There being no further comments or questions.

- Motion to pass Resolution No. 2024-026 by Ms. West, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Michael- **All Ayes**

Resolution 2024-026 was adopted.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-027** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE \$30,000 FROM FIRST ENERGY TO INDUSTRIAL COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES (ICP) AS COMPENSATION TO INDUSTRIAL COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES (ICP) FOR THEIR EXECUTION OF THE EASEMENT TO FIRST ENERGY TO PERMIT AN ELECTRICAL EASEMENT TO FIRST ENERGY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Finney explained that he felt that he needed to keep things moving and that the original dialogue between the parties had changed. He said it was a proposal to keep the project moving along with the electrical easement.

Mr. Kairis stated that the City had passed an easement the month prior and said that he thought the City was going to receive the \$30,000. He said that the way money is handled is hypocritical and that there is a different value to money. Mr. Kairis referenced the \$30,000 that Council was hesitant to appropriate for a Design Review Guideline consultant, adding that he would like to avoid any awkwardness in the future.

Mr. Finney stated that the project started in October and that there were a lot of hiccups along the way. There being no further comments or questions.

- Motion to waive three separate readings by Ms. Michael, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Harper- **All Ayes**
- Motion to adopt emergency clause by Mr. Harper, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Moskun- **All Ayes**
- Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2024-027 by Mr. Harper, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Michael- **All Ayes**

Ordinance 2024-027 was adopted.

**Second Reading of Ordinances: None**

**Third Reading of Ordinances:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-133** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO, OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The City had not received the administration agreement yet in order to vote on the ordinance. There being no further comments or questions.

- Motion to postpone the vote of Ordinance 2023-133 by Mr. Moskun, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. West- **All Ayes**

Ordinance 2023-133 was postponed.

**Old Business-** Ms. Michael stated that she received a comment from a resident asking why their leaves could not be picked up and no deadline was given.

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Mr. Contant explained that once the first big snowfall of the year happens, the leaf truck equipment is swapped out for snowplow equipment and that there was a notice given in the water bill with the recycling information.

Ms. Michael asked if there would be updates on the community survey.

Ms. West stated that she would discuss them at the next committee meeting.

**New Business- None**

**President of Council Remarks-** No Comment.

**Council Member Remarks**

**Mr. Harper-** Mr. Harper stated that he was very thankful that Mr. Wisniewski came out to speak about the school district and said that the information doesn't always get out.

**Ms. Michael-** Ms. Michael stated that she is satisfied with the level of education that she and her family received in Ravenna. She said that she is proud of where she is from and has had a great experience with the teachers. Ms. Michael also added that as the city grows it needs to help keep the schools and community strong with more home ownership.

**Mr. Kairis-** Mr. Kairis stated that the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee will be meeting tomorrow and will be discussing homeownership and better schools.

**Mr. Moskun-** Mr. Moskun encouraged Council to visit different departments throughout the City to gain more perspective. He stated that Ravenna will be celebrating its 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this summer and that there is more history than people realize.

**Mr. Calfee-** No Comment

**Ms. West-** Ms. West spoke highly of her experiences with the school district and with being a preschool grandparent She explained that they have a lot of success with parental involvement in support groups and field trips.

**Ms. Wood-** No Comment

**Mayor's Remarks-** Mayor Seman stated that Susie K's Tea Shop is celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the Council Clerk put together a proclamation to present to Susie Kohl. He said that the City is starting to plan for the 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and that a meeting will be held to discuss celebration ideas.

Mayor Seman stated that there was a car show meeting with Mongoose Motorsports and that he is concerned with how much the event has grown over the years. He explained a promotional tactic by Summit Racing to both sell parking spaces at the event in return for a \$25 gift certificate and that they are putting the event flyers in customer bags. Mayor Seman stated that they will be having another meeting to discuss the event with more organizations, such as PARTA. He also stated that the event organizers will start paying the City to help cover City costs for the event.

Mayor Seman stated that he is planning to have the State of the City address in March prior to the committee meetings.

The Law Director requested to go into executive session to discuss pending legal matters.

- Motion to go into Executive Session at 7:31 pm by Mr. Harper, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Moskun - All Ayes

Council went into Executive Session to discuss pending and potential legal matters.

- Motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:38 pm by Ms. West, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Kairis- All Ayes
- Motion to adjourn at 7:39 pm by Ms. West, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Moskun- **All Ayes**

The next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 4, 2024, at 6:00 P.M.

**ATTEST:**

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Clerk of Council

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Council President