

Ravenna City Council Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes March 11, 2024

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

Council present: Amy Michael, Rob Kairis, Paul Moskun, Cheryl Wood, Tim Calfee, Christina West, Matt Harper

Also attending the meeting: Mayor Frank Seman; Police Chief, Jeff Wallis; Fire Chief, Mark Chapple; Service Director, Tim Contant; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Finance Director, Brian Huff; Assistant Finance Director, Tami Lorence; Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor; Cliff Soudil, John Sferra, Mike Bogo, Jen Davis, Carmen Laudato

The Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting was called to order at 7:08 P.M. by Chairperson, Cheryl Wood.

The first item was a RLF Administration Agreement.

Ms. Wood stated that the agreement has not been received from the State of Ohio yet.

• The item was for discussion.

The second item was HOME RLF.

Ms. Wood explained that the City approved RLF funds to be utilized for owner occupied housing rehabilitation and said that NDS has found a program using OFA funds for new construction. She said that the grant application is due April 5th which is why the item was added last minute. Ms. Wood provided bullet points to Council and said that a match is required. She is proposing to move the \$200,000 in Home RLF funds from the owner occupied rehab to three new construction homes to be developed in the city.

Mr. Calfee asked what the city is matching, and Ms. Wood responded with the OFA funds. Ms. Wood explained that the funds are very restricted and that they would have to be used or they would have to be used towards the CHIP grant. She said that if the grant is not awarded then the funds will return to their original use of owner occupied housing rehabilitation.

• The item was forwarded.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Cheryl Wood, Chairperson Community & Economic Development