



**Ravenna City Council**  
**Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**April 15, 2024**

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

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

Also attending the meeting: Mayor Frank Seman; Fire Chief, Mark Chapple; Service Director, Tim Contant; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Controller, Brian Huff; Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor; Cliff Soudil, Amy Young, Larry Silenius, Michele Kairis, Rhianna Phillips, Bill Barber, Eric Courtney, Stephen Yory, Judy Bennett, Kevin Zuber, Darla Fankhauser

**The Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting was called to order at 7:42 P.M. by Chairperson, Cheryl Wood.**

**The first item was a RLF Administration Agreement.**

Ms. Wood stated that the item is a placeholder, and they are still waiting on the agreement from the State.

- The item was for discussion only.

**The second item was to specify a fund placement Ravenna/Rootstown JEDD revenue.**

Ms. Wood explained that the City has received the first revenue from the JEDD and that a fund needs to be specified to deposit the money. She stated that the first check was in the sum of \$6,800 and gave examples of where and how the money can be used.

Mr. Calfee stated to clarify that the City would be receiving 10% of the JEDD funds.

Ms. Michael stated that she would be in support of the money being used for economic development.

Mr. Calfee stated that he was not ready to decide how the money should be used.

Ms. Wood stated that a fund needs to be established, and Ms. Michael agreed that how the money is distributed can be changed at a later date.

- The item was forwarded.

**The third item was to accept a donation of \$93,970.23 for economic development.**

Ms. Wood stated that the item is a one-time donation to be used towards economic development efforts and that the Economic Development Director, Dennis West, will be a big part of utilizing the funds. She explained that the funds had accrued from real estate transactions.

Mr. Kairis asked why the CIC was dissolving.

Ms. Wood stated that she could not say and that the item is a donation that Council needs to accept.

- The item was forwarded.

**Management Update**

Mayor Seman stated that some businesses have not been doing well and that Sirna and Son's Produce was recently bought out. He explained that there is a shortage of land within the city for businesses to develop or expand, and that all sorts of things could happen in the future for Ravenna.

**There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 P.M.**

**ATTEST:**

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**Clerk of Council**

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