



Ravenna City Council
Streets & Sidewalks Committee Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2024

The public meeting was held in person in 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 York, Judy Bennett, Kevin Zuber, Darla Fankhauser

The Streets & Sidewalks Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:56 P.M. by Matt Harper.

The first item was the traffic signal analysis report for King and Main St.

Judy Bennett from GPD Group addressed Council to report on the analysis that they took in the area of King and Main St. She explained that there are 9 different warrants needed from the State to implement a traffic signal. Ms. Bennett said that the company did a traffic count that included students and pedestrians and found that a signal is not warranted at that location anymore. She stated that it would cost approximately \$150,000 for a new signal and that it could be a liability to the City if they were to replace the light and there was an accident as a result. Ms. Bennett explained different pedestrian crossing options for Council to choose from, what they look like and how they function.

Ms. Michael expressed her concern for pedestrian safety without replacing the traffic light.

Ms. Bennett explained that even though the pedestrian signal is not a traffic light, motorists are still legally obligated to stop for pedestrians. She noted that an additional option could be speed tables that would be removed in the winter. Ms. Bennett stated that the official recommendation from GPD Group is to remove the current traffic signal and to replace it with a pedestrian crossing. She explained that there a very few pedestrians and that there were only 15 cars, adding that a signal would require 100 cars per hour.

Mr. Calfee stated to clarify that the area is not close to needing a traffic light.

Mr. Harper stated his concern for a stop sign at King and Main St. and that the placement of stops signs and crossings may confuse motorists.

Stephen York addressed Council to thank them for their support of the school levy. He explained the pedestrian and bus traffic around the school and noted that a light is important during busy times. Mr. York suggested the police department watch the area once any traffic changes are made to ensure the safety of the area.

- The item was tabled.

The second item was to appropriate \$23,000 to replace street signs throughout the city.

Mr. Finney explained that there are signs throughout the city that have faded and lost their reflectivity. He said that the money is not in the budget but that it can be appropriated from the paving fund since street sign purchases are permissible.

Mr. Harper stated that the funds are available, and the safety of the residents is of the utmost importance.

- The item was moved forward.

The third item was “No Turn On Red” signs at N. Scranton and Main St.

Mr. Harper said that the school crossing guard reached out the Police Chief and said that they would like a No Turn On Red sign at the N. Scranton and Main St. intersection. He stated that the start time for the school may change so the City can wait until the end of summer to install the sign with the correct times in the morning and afternoon.

- The item was moved forward.

Management Update

The paving of Main St. has begun and it is set to finish July 31, 2024.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:34 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

**Matt Harper, Chairperson
Streets & Sidewalks Committee**