



**Ravenna City Council
Streets & Sidewalks Committee Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2024**

The public meeting was held in person in Council Chambers.

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

Also attending the meeting: Captain Jake Smallfield; Service Director, Tim Contant; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Finance Director, Tami Lorence; Controller, Brian Huff; Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor; Bill Barber, Amy Young, Randy Parsons, Larry Silenius, Cliff Soudil, Cynthia Miller, Diane Smith

The Streets & Sidewalks Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Matt Harper.

The first item was the Street Department Roof Contract.

Mr. Harper stated that the street garage needs a new roof, and the approved company is Garland Roofing through state purchasing. He explained that the project will span two years and a representative for the company will be on the roof at all times to ensure the 30-year warranty, adding that the project will also be in the 2025 budget.

- The item was moved forward.

The second item was the King and Main St. Traffic Signal.

Mr. Finney explained the scenario to either remove the traffic signal, upgrade it or install a pedestrian crossing beacon. He said that King St. would require 90 more cars per day to warrant a replacement traffic signal. Mr. Finney recommended a HAWK beacon signal as a replacement to ensure pedestrian safety.

Ms. Michael stated her concern for increased pedestrian traffic if a new establishment opened up in the area

Mr. Finney stated that if a new establishment had cause for concern for increased pedestrian and car traffic, then they could be required to re-install the traffic signal.

Mr. Harper addressed the different options that were presented and said that he liked the HAWK signal and would like to recommend moving forward with it. He stated that there is also a crossing guard located at the next intersection which has a signal to ensure a safe crossing.

Ms. Michael noted that she also has a concern for pedestrians after school hours.

Mr. Finney stated that there is an additional \$6,000 available to put a design together for the signal.

Mr. Soudil reiterated that replacing the traffic signal when it is not warranted could be a liability to the City.

Ms. West stated that she trusts the opinion of the traffic engineer.

The location of the proposed replacement signal was up for debate and Mr. Finney would look into appropriate locations.

- The item was for discussion.

The third item was the consideration of the veto of Ordinance 2024-077.

Mr. Harper stated that the Mayor had vetoed the ordinance after it was passed.

Mr. Kairis explained that the ordinance lacked the details to efficiently hire an attorney.

Ms. Michael and Ms. Wood both clarified that Locust Lane is in question and that they would like that usage to be reviewed.

Mr. Harper stated that Council is looking into creating a separate ordinance to better address what Council would like reviewed.

Mr. Kairis explained that the veto would have to be overturned by July 1st with a 5/7 affirmative vote if Council wished to overturn the Mayor's decision.

Mr. Calfee stated that he has re-examined the situation and has found that he does not have concerns about Locust Lane and believes the library project can continue as approved.

Ms. Miller addressed Council to say that the item would be addressed at the next BZA meeting and explained her concerns.

Mr. Kairis stated that her issues have to do with the BZA and not Council.

Mr. Harper read the ordinance language and said that the review would be changed to focus on Locus Lane.

Mr. Kairis noted that the \$5,000 appropriated for an attorney was an arbitrary number and suggested reviewing the wording and what the cost should be.

Ms. Wood acknowledged the lack of clarity in the ordinance that was vetoed and said that a few weeks will not make a difference to re-write another ordinance.

Mr. Kairis stated that Council will reach out to Mayor Seman for clarification.

Ms. Wood verified that Council would be letting the veto stand.

Ms. Miller addressed concerns and issues with the Planning Commission and ordinances that she claims the City had violated.

Mr. Finney stated that he has still not received any documentation citing what alleged ordinances were violated.

Ms. Miller stated that she would send over her documents the following day.

- The item was moved forward.

Management Update

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

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