



**Ravenna City Council**  
**Streets & Sidewalks Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**July 8, 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, Paul Moskun

Also attending the meeting: Mayor Seman, Police Chief, Jeff Wallis; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Finance Director, Tami Lorence; Controller, Brian Huff; Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor; Parks Director, Judy Watkins, Sean Thompson, Alex Kelley, Lou Dudek, Carolyn Chambers, Suzanne Moskun, Larry Silenius, Cliff Soudil, Cynthia Miller, Carmen Laudato

**The Streets & Sidewalks Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Matt Harper.**

**The first item was Park Avenue parking.**

Carolyn Chambers addressed Council to express her concern for the problematic parking on Park Ave. She explained that something needs to be done about the terrible parking placement on both sides of the street and recommended Council not to permit parking on the street.

Mr. Harper stated that he had mixed feelings about the situation since it is public parking, but acknowledged that the issue is a hazard.

Ms. Chamber stated that she has tried talking to the neighbor and the police have been called out.

Suzanne Moskun addressed Council regarding the same issue and noted that the car had not moved from the same place on the street from Wednesday to Monday creating an obstacle for delivery drivers. She said safety is an issue and the neighbor is not approachable to discuss the issue.

Mr. Harper said that the City would approach the neighbor if called out.

Mr. Silenius suggested changing the parking to one side only.

Mr. Moskun stated that the neighbor parks in the street out of convenience.

Ms. West was in favor of parking on one side of the street and that Council needs to look at the affected area as a whole.

Mr. Calfee said that he is not sure of a solution and that Council has not heard from the rest of the streets residents.

Ms. Michael stated that she is familiar with the street and that it is narrow. She explained that if a resident has an event then they can contact the Police Department for permission to park on the street.

Ms. Wood agreed that it is hard to get through the street with parking on both sides and was in favor of one side no parking.

Mr. Kairis addressed permit parking for tree lawn parking and Mr. Finney stated that violations had been issued.

Cynthia Miller addressed Council to give her opinion on the matter stating that it is tight driving down the street and that parking should not be allowed on the street.

- The item was moved forward.

**The second item was the salt consortium.**

Mr. Harper stated that the item is to allow other municipalities to purchase road salt throughout the winter at state pricing. The entities are Ravenna Township, PMHA, Mantua Village, Maplewood Career Center and the Ravenna School District.

- The item was moved forward.

**The third item was the purchase of a new lift system.**

Mr. Harper stated that the money may already be appropriated, and the Finance Director will check. He explained that the lift is to help with maintenance repairs on city vehicles, and that it is much needed and long overdue.

- The item was moved forward.

**The fourth item was the signal at Main and King St.**

Mr. Harper explained that the traffic signal light has been deemed unwarranted and is a flashing light now. He shared the options that were presented to Council and the proposed pedestrian crossing. Mr. Harper stated that he spoke with the school, and they are okay with sending students to the Diamond St. crossing, adding that there are minimal students crossing and that the goal is to keep everyone safe.

Ms. Wood and Mr. Calfee agreed on the flashing pedestrian light.

Ms. Michael was against the pedestrian light and was concerned that it would not be as effective as the former traffic signal and that increased speed could be an issue.

Mr. Harper reminded Ms. Michael that the traffic signal was not warranted and that it could not be replaced.

Mr. Finney explained that the traffic study concluded that the signal was not warranted and that due to the Main St. widening project the signal needed to be relocated. He stated that the pedestrian crossing has the same law as a traffic light and that it will stay green unless the signal is activated.

Mr. Harper added that the school helped with the survey.

Lou Dudek noted that a new mini mart on the corner of the intersection could increase the traffic activity in that area and was concerned for pedestrian traffic.

Carmen Laudato noted that if the school district levy fails then more students may be walking.

Mr. Moskun stated that he would like to choose the safest pedestrian crossing.

- The item was moved forward.

**Management Update**

Mayor Seman stated that there will be one more paving layer done by July 1<sup>st</sup> on Main St. Mr. Finney stated that on the 22<sup>nd</sup> they will start with night paving and will adjust the steel castings.

**There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:52 P.M.**

**ATTEST:**

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**Clerk of Council**

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