



**Ravenna City Council  
Special Meeting Minutes  
November 12, 2024**

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

The Special Meeting of Ravenna City Council was called to order by Council President, Rob Kairis at 6:00pm.

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

Also in attendance: Mayor Frank Seman; Police Chief, Jeff Wallis; Service Director, Tim Contant; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Finance Director, Tami Lorence; Controller, Brian Huff; Property Maintenance Inspector, Don Rose; IT Director, Jonathan Bender; Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor, Dirk Remley, Josh Paudel, Hemanta Adhikari, Arasin Hughes, Larry Silenius, Cliff Soudil, Brooke Bolevich

The Clerk read the Call for the Special Council meeting stating the purpose of the meeting is to discuss and/or act upon a TREX application and Ordinance 2024-135 to allow a 15-foot side yard setback waiver.

Mr. Kairis explained that due to missing Council members at the prior meeting and additional information from the applicant, the vote was postponed until that evening. He said that the application does not require an ordinance and that it requires a signature from the City to approve it. Mr. Kairis noted that the prior food-based business, Lawson's, did have a liquor license.

Mr. Calfee stated that the topic was discussed and questioned if it met the criteria of economic development with adding only 3-4 employees. He stated his concerns for bringing in another liquor permit and that it is not enough to be considered economic development.

Ms. Michael agreed with Mr. Calfee and said that she does not feel that it is economic development or an appropriate location for alcohol.

Mr. Moskun stated that the number of liquor permits in the city has been maxed out and this would increase the number within the city, adding that he has concerns with that.

Mr. Kairis stated that liquor license transfers allow the opportunity to bring more permits in and acknowledged the liquor license transfer for Lake Ave. within the last year. He said that he found that economic development is hard to define.

Ms. Michael stated that the Economic Development Director was not in favor of the transfer.

Ms. Wood explained that economic development is a new business and that TREX applications have been approved before. She said that she does not want to pick and choose businesses, and that it should be fair across the board.

Mr. Kairis stated that there is no definition in the ORC for an economic development project and that it is personal opinion.

Mr. Calfee acknowledged that TREX applications have been approved but that he did not have the same knowledge that he has now to make a more informed decision.

Mr. Kairis acknowledged the same but said that a major difference is the proximity to a school.

Mr. Harper stated that the applicant has a nice family and appreciated that they choose Ravenna but said that the city is maxed out and the location is close to a school.

Mr. Marovich stated that the location is 1,700 feet away from other establishments that already sell alcohol.

There being no further comments or questions.

- Motion to sign the TREX application for 623 Main St. by Ms. Wood, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Calfee- Ms. Wood, Ms. West- **All Ayes**, Mr. Calfee, Mr. Moskun, Ms. Michael, Mr. Marovich, Mr. Harper- **No**

The TREX application was not approved by City Council.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-135 AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW RAVENNA CITY COUNCIL TO GRANT A 15-FOOT SIDE YARD SETBACK WAIVER FOR SUPERGOOD LOCATED AT 562 CHESTNUT ST., PURSUANT TO THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 1220.05 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, TO CONSTRUCT A PARKING LOT 10-FEET FROM THE NORTH PROPERTY LINE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Ms. West stated that the waiver will allow for more parking spaces and that a landscape plan was provided and approved.

Mr. Kairis stated that the Planning Commission requested a waiver of 10 feet from the usual 25-foot setback.

Mr. Calfee stated that he would prefer more green space but that the plans will mirror the existing parking lot and the Planning Commission approved the design.

There being no further comments or questions.

- Motion to waive three separate readings by Ms. Wood, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. West- **All Ayes**
- Motion to adopt emergency clause by Ms. West, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Wood- **All Ayes**
- Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2024-127 by Mr. Harper, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. West- **All Ayes**

Ordinance 2024-135 was adopted.

- Motion to adjourn at 6:17 pm by Ms. Wood, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Michael- **All Ayes**

**ATTEST:**

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**Clerk of Council**

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**Council President**