



Ravenna City Council
Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2024

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

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

Also attending the meeting: Mayor Frank Seman; Police Chief, Jeff Wallis, Fire Chief, Mark Chapple; Service Director, Tim Contant; Finance Director, Tami Lorence; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Controller, Brian Huff; Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor; Mike Bogo, Cliff Soudil, Amy Young, Larry Silenius, Rich Bennett, Josh Paudel, John Plough, Chad Murdock

The Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting was called to order at 7:25 P.M. by Chairperson, Amy Michael.

The first item was health spas/massage parlors.

Ms. Michael stated that the item was talked about in length with the City Engineer and expressed a big thank you to the Police and Fire Departments, and the Building Department for acting on and shutting down two massage parlors. She said that the City needs to put safety mechanisms in place and that the City Engineer suggested making them conditional use where the applicant must go to the Planning Commission to implement stipulations.

Mr. Finney explained that Health Spas are not defined in the Central Business District, C-1 and C-2 zones, and that the Planning Commission can condition them as they see fit.

Ms. Michael stated that she is going to talk to the Health Department to see if they can be involved.

Mr. Kairis stated that he did not want to create unneeded ordinances in the process.

Ms. Michael stated that the Police Chief can suggest appropriate language.

Mayor Seman stated that the City will need to get property owners involved.

Ms. Michael stated that she would like to move the item forward to add language and requirements.

- The item was moved forward.

The second item was Opioid Fund donation.

Ms. Lorence informed Council that the current sum of Opioid Funds received is \$26,532.00 and that the Mayor would like to make the City's first donation, adding that an ordinance is needed.

Ms. Micheal explained that the Mayor received a donation request from an active community member who works with local people in need.

Mayor Seman stated that he made it clear that the funds have to be used directly towards opioid help for individuals and that the City can follow up with the donations.

Mayor Seman commended the Safety Forces for their hard work assisting persons in need.

Ms. Michael stated that the organization is requesting \$6,000 leaving \$20,532.00 remaining.

Mr. Harper asked if someone from the program can give an update.
Ms. Michael added that they would need to give a budget.

- The item was moved forward.

The third item was fire inspection permit fee.

Ms. Michael explained that she spoke with the Fire Chief about charging \$75 a year for fire inspection fees and that she felt the price was too much.

Chief Chapple said that the funds would go into the Fire Prevention Education Line.

Ms. Michael suggested an alternative amount between \$35 to \$50.

Chief Chapple said that most businesses only get one inspection a year per the fire code and that flammable gas and fryers are a concern.

Mr. Finney added that extension cords need to be looked at.

Mr. Harper addressed the cost of non-profit organizations, and an annual versus a day permit.

Mr. Finney added the comparison of a mobile food unit versus a stand.

Chief Chapple stated that the Fire Department would still check everyone to see if they have a permit.

Mr. Silenius suggested starting the permit cost at \$20-\$25 and then increasing the cost \$5 each year until it reaches \$75.

Chief Chapple said that they need to make sure everyone is safe within the community and so food units are still inspected, adding that the permit proceeds would provide smoke alarms to those in needed.

Mr. Finney noted that there are administration costs associated with the permitting process.

Ms. Michael suggested a \$50 permit fee, and Mr. Harper and Mr. Marovich agreed.

Chief Chapple said that he can write up some language and it can always be tabled if needed.

- The item was moved forward.

The fourth item was a dispatch contract with Marlboro Township Police Department.

Ms. Michael explained that Marlboro Township had 60 days to find a new dispatch contract and that the City already dispatches for their fire department. She said that the contract would be for the remainder of the year and for the next 3 years.

- The item was moved forward.

Management Update

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

**Amy Michael, Chairperson
Public Health and Safety Committee**