



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

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

The first item was Tree Lawn Trees.

Mr. Harper read a section of information related to the City's process of replanting trees that are removed in conjunction with review from the Shade Tree Commission. He questioned if the procedure is being followed after a resident had a concern with trees being removed during waterline projects.

Mr. Finney stated that replanting trees that are removed are usually not put into spec plans. Mayor Seman stated that tree roots that are compromised during a project will eventually be a hazard and will come down eventually.

John Plough stated that the Arborist never went to the site in person and expressed his concern for a tree that was taken down on Riddle Ave. on the opposite side of the road as the project. Mayor Seman stated that the City can include tree replanting in with bids in the future.

Mr. Harper stated that the situation is a learning opportunity and acknowledged that mistakes were made, and the City can do better with waterline projects moving forward.

Mayor Seman noted that the City just received a large donation of trees and that they may donate trees again next year.

Mr. Kairis stated that it should be conditional that the Arborist visit a site before determining the outcome of a tree.

Mr. Finney explained issues that they have with trees when doing OPWC grant projects and that if the tree roots get messed up then the tree will eventually die. He explained ways the City has tried to save trees around sidewalks and in other areas, but said that from a design standpoint, the location of some of the city trees doesn't work.

- The item was for discussion only.

The second item was Tree Lawn Parking.

Mr. Harper stated that there is a process in place for tree lawn parking and that Park Ave. is an example of issues that should be looked at.

Mr. Kairis stated that he asked to put the item on the agenda and to ask Bob for suggestions.

Mr. Finney stated that Property Maintenance Officer, Don Rose, should be in attendance to discuss the matter, adding that rentals should be required to have enough parking for their tenants.

- The item was for discussion only.

Management Update

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

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