



**Ravenna City Council  
Special Meeting Minutes  
August 28, 2025**

**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 1:00pm.

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

**Also in attendance:** Mayor Frank Seman; Law Director, Frank Cimino; Finance Director, Tami Lorence, Police Chief, Jake Smallfield; Fire Chief, Mark Chapple; Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor

- Motion to excuse Mr. Moskun by Ms. Michael, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. West- **All Ayes**

The purpose of the meeting is to hold an executive session to discuss the purchase of real estate and to discuss and/or act upon Ordinance 2025-089 to purchase real estate.

Mr. Kairis explained that Council would be going into executive session to firm up details regarding the proposed ordinance that will be addressed in open session. He then read the language to enter into an executive session as follows: Is there a motion to enter into executive session to consider the purchase of property for public purposes since the premature disclosure of information regarding the purchase would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal private interest is adverse to the general public interest.

- Motion to go into Executive Session at 1:02 pm by Ms. Wood, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. West - **All Ayes**

Council went into Executive Session to discuss the purchase of real estate.

- Motion to come out of Executive Session at 1:16 pm by Mr. Marovich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. West - **All Ayes**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-089** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE SUNBEAU VALLEY FARM LOCATED AT 3229 BRADY LAKE ROAD FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SPACE FOR OUTDOOR AND INDOOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, CULTURAL EVENTS, AND COMMUNITY GATHERINGS; PROVIDING FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE PROPERTY'S HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE; COMMITTING TO ITS PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, SAFETY AND ACCESSIBILITY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AND APPROPRIATING A TOTAL OF \$825,000 FROM FUND 101 AND FUND 550 TO BE SPLIT EQUALLY, AND DECLARING AND EMERGENCY.

Mr. Kairis stated that the City has shown interest in the property and has worked on how to negotiate for it, which the ordinance is a part of. He thanked Council members for attending on short notice, noting the importance of the ordinance under discussion. Mr. Kairis shared two public comments: one from Larry Selinius, who cautioned that additional real estate could be costly to maintain, and another from Clifford Soudil, who expressed strong support for the purchase, calling it a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Ravenna.

Ms. Michael commended the teamwork of Council, emphasizing that the effort demonstrated determination to improve the community.

Mr. Marovich added appreciation for the Law Director and the Administration's diligence. There being no further comments or questions.

- Motion to waive three separate readings by Ms. Wood, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Marovich- **All Ayes**
- Motion to adopt emergency clause by Ms. West 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Michael- **All Ayes**
- Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2025-089 by Mr. Harper, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. West- **All Ayes**

Ordinance 2025-089 was adopted.

- Motion to adjourn at 1:20 pm by Ms. West, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Marovich- **All Ayes**

**ATTEST:**

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**Clerk of Council**

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**Council President**