



**Ravenna City Council
Information Systems Committee Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2025**

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

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

Also in attendance: Mayor Frank Seman; Police Chief, Jake Smallfield; Service Director, Tim Contant; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Finance Director, Tami Lorence, Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor, Jonathan Bender, Mike Reynolds, Larry Selinius, Cliff Soudil, Barbara Niemiller, Eve Francis, Greg Francis, Christine Craycroft, Michelle Walczak, Antonio Walczak

The Information Systems Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:08 P.M. by Committee Chair, Mr. Marovich.

The first item was Replacing and Upgrading Annex Camera System.

Mr. Marovich explained that the proposal included a comprehensive plan with various camera types—pan-tilt-zoom, fisheye, 4K bullet cameras with license plate recognition, and advanced AI detection—along with large-capacity storage drives, battery backup, and organized network equipment. He clarified that the system would be locally hosted but with cloud access, ensuring long-term footage availability.

IT Director, Jonathan Bender, provided further technical details, noting that the cameras would offer strong night vision, AI-assisted search features, and improved resolution for both indoor and outdoor monitoring. He explained that while the system could recognize license plates, it would not function like police surveillance systems tied to databases. The system would also allow dispatch access, remote monitoring, and efficient AI search tools.

Discussion covered storage capacity, backup power, maintenance agreements, and warranties. Members noted that the current system was outdated and largely nonfunctional, with a failed DVR.

Mr. Bender explained that the new plan included removal of old cabling and that cameras would be easily reusable in the future. The proposed equipment carries a five-year warranty, with six months of maintenance provided.

Council members asked about staff awareness and privacy concerns, particularly in the Annex. Mr. Bender confirmed staff had been consulted and adjustments would be made to address comfort and safety. Comparisons to other vendors showed the selected proposal to be significantly more cost-effective.

Council agreed the upgrade was overdue and valuable for both safety and liability purposes.

- The item was for moved forward.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:26 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

**Tyler Marovich, Chairperson
Information Systems Committee**