



Ravenna City Council
Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2025

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

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

Also attending the meeting: Mayor Frank Seman; Police Chief, Jake Smallfield; Service Director, Tim Contant; City Engineer; Bob Finney; Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor; Larry Silenius, Cliff Soudil, Greg Francis, Eve Francis, Cynthia Miller, Barbara Niemiller, Carmen Laudato,

The Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Chairperson, Amy Michael.

The first item was an ordinance for dispatch services.

Ms. Michael explained that the first item was an ordinance approving dispatch service contracts with Charleston and Edinburgh. She stated that the City was pleased to receive the signed contracts and recommended moving them forward.

- The item was moved forward.

The second item was an ordinance to appropriate funding to expand the cold storage building.

Chief Chapple presented a request for funding to expand the city's cold storage building to address ongoing space constraints for Fire Department equipment and vehicles. He described a proposed expansion at the end of the existing building that would add enclosed, heated space with overhead doors, utilities, and drainage to house apparatus and allow for maintenance work. Chief Chapple stated the city already owns the building and that the expansion would be a cost-effective, long-term solution.

Mr. Moskun expressed support, calling the proposal a practical and beneficial use of space. Mr. Kairis raised procedural questions regarding whether funding or bid authorization should come first.

Mr. Finney and Ms. Michael explained the request was to gauge Council support before proceeding with design work and bid solicitation, noting that cost estimates were forthcoming. Mr. Harper and Mr. Marovich acknowledged the department's long-standing space limitations, and the committee agreed to move the item forward.

- The item was moved forward.

The third item was adjusting ambulance billing rates.

Ms. Michael tabled the ambulance billing item, stating further discussion with administration was needed before bringing it back to committee.

- The item was not discussed.

The fourth item was a discussion regarding Opioid Fund guidelines.

Ms. Michael provided an update on opioid fund guidelines, explaining that the committee had met and developed preliminary approaches that were submitted to the Law Director for review. She outlined ideas including establishing fair application guidelines for nonprofits, setting timelines and review processes, allocating funds quarterly, and exploring ways to address opioid-related issues in the downtown area. Ms. Michael stated the item would return to committee after receiving legal guidance.

- The item was for discussion only.

Management Update

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Amy Michael, Chairperson
Public Health and Safety Committee