



Ravenna City Council
Streets & Sidewalks Committee Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2025

The public meeting was held in person in 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; Law Director, Frank Cimino; Police Sergent, Craig Wilmington; Service Director, Tim Contant; City Engineer; Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor; Larry Silenius, Cliff Soudil, Cynthia Miller, Barbara Niemiller, Carmen Laudato

The Streets & Sidewalks Committee Meeting was called to order at 7:14 P.M. by Matt Harper.

The first item was Parking Issues on Meridian Street.

Mr. Harper called the meeting to order to address concerns about street parking on South Meridian Street near the Portage County Administration Building. After observing conditions for approximately a month, he stated the committee proposed restricting parking on South Meridian Street. The proposal would prohibit parking on both sides of the street from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., aligning with administration building and BMV hours, due to traffic congestion and safety concerns.

Ms. Michael questioned whether parking would be limited to one side of the street when allowed and recommended against permitting parking on both sides due to the narrow width of the streets and safety concerns.

Ms. West and Mr. Kairis sought clarification on the affected area, and Mr. Harper confirmed the restriction and that it would apply only from West Harris to West Riddle adjacent to the administration building, not extending to Main Street or beyond.

Mr. Marovich asked about the volume and source of parked vehicles and the potential impact on residents and visitors.

Ms. Wood and Mr. Moskun noted that daytime street parking is heavy but that many nearby properties have long driveways capable of accommodating multiple vehicles.

Chief Chapple emphasized public safety concerns, explaining that parked vehicles impede emergency response and create dangerous conditions for officers exiting patrol vehicles.

Mr. Harper confirmed the proposal would require a public hearing and three readings and stated that while broader, citywide parking issues may need future study, the current proposal was intended to address immediate safety concerns near the administration building.

Mr. Marovich supported the restriction for safety reasons while encouraging future analysis of traffic flow and parking impacts on residents

- The item was moved forward.

Management Update

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

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