



**Ravenna City Council**  
**Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**February 9, 2026**

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

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

Also attending the meeting: Mayor Frank Seman; Police Chief, Jake Smallfield; Fire Chief, Mark Chapple; Service Director, Tim Contant; City Engineer; Bob Finney; Finance Director, Tami Lorence; Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor; Larry Silenius, Amy Adams, Amy Young, Cheryl Wood, Donna Kovolyan, Dirk Remley, Brooke Bolevich, Cathy Klein, Sarah Pastor, Bill Barber, Justin Barber, Connie Bennett, Cynthia Miller, Barbara Niemiller

**The Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:10 P.M. by Chairperson, Christina West.**

**The first item was a presentation by Main Street Ravenna.**

Ms. West explained that the sole agenda item was a presentation by Main Street Ravenna representatives regarding their upcoming plans and proposed changes for the year.

Brooke Bolovich, Secretary of Main Street Ravenna, introduced the board members present: President Bill Barber, Vice President Amy Young, Treasurer Sarah Pastor, new board members Kathy Klein and Justin Barber, and past treasurer Matt Lillick (absent). She reviewed Main Street Ravenna's history, noting its incorporation in 2017 and past focus on community engagement, downtown events, business grants, and collaboration on the city's comprehensive plan. For 2026, Main Street Ravenna plans to shift toward economic development support with three focus areas: beautification and visual elements, events, and collaboration with Ravenna's economic development department.

For beautification, they aim to pursue grants for murals, facades, and parks, including "ghost murals" preserving historical signage. Events will focus on two major fundraisers—Art on Main and a fall fundraiser (Savory & Sweet or an alternative)—alongside six to eight mini-events, including "Fourth Fridays" to encourage business patronage. Economic development efforts will include meetings with property owners, tours for brokers and developers, and assistance in attracting new retail and commercial businesses.

Ms. Bolovich and Mr. Barber requested the City increase its funding support from \$30,000 to \$60,000 annually for two years to secure the Executive Director's position, and to assign a city liaison to serve as a non-voting board member for guidance and collaboration. They proposed measurable goals for each focus area, including raising \$30,000 in grants for beautification, hosting the events, and facilitating redevelopment efforts.

Council members asked questions regarding event planning, beautification responsibilities, cost-cutting measures, and funding for the Executive Director.

Ms. Bolovich explained their focus on murals, facades, and small-scale projects that do not duplicate city efforts, and emphasized the need for reliable funding to support economic development initiatives and staff.

Mr. Marovich noted he would submit questions on measurable indicators in writing.

Ms. West thanked the Main Street Ravenna representatives and indicated further discussion would be needed before any action. The committee agreed to leave the item on committee for future consideration.

- The item was for discussion only.

**There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 P.M.**

**ATTEST:**

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**Clerk of Council**

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**Christina West, Chairperson  
Community & Economic Development**