



Ravenna City Council
Streets & Sidewalks Committee Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2026

The public meeting was held in person in 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; Law Director, Frank Cimino; Police Chief, Jason Smallfield; Fire Chief, Mark Chapple, Service Director, Tim Contant; City Engineer; Finance Director, Tami Lorence; Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor; Larry Silenius, Cynthia Miller, Barbara Niemiller, Cheryl Wood

The Streets & Sidewalks Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:37 P.M. by Tim Calfee

The first item was the 2026 Annual Paving Program.

Mr. Calfee noted that Council members had received maps identifying the streets scheduled for paving, the type of work to be completed, and estimated costs. He stated the engineer's estimate for the paving program is \$1,170,000. Council also received information on the 2026 Sidewalk Improvement Plan, for which the budget has been increased to \$300,000 for sidewalk replacement. Mr. Calfee stated that a chart outlined the locations of sidewalk work by ward, along with the percentage of the total budget allocated to each ward. He explained that the paving plan includes more crack-sealing work and fewer full resurfacing projects because many streets have already been repaved in recent years.

Mr. Kairis asked about the tracking sheet, which listed the engineer's estimate at \$1,170,000 and \$1,362,000 with the South Sycamore improvement alternate. He asked if the lower figure represented the total without the alternate and whether the amount included sidewalks.

Mr. Finney confirmed that the \$1,170,000 estimate reflects the base project cost and explained that the engineer's estimate is typically higher than the final bid and that contractors often come in 10–15% lower. Mr. Finney also noted that the city plans to bid an alternate item to replace bricks between the railroad tracks, after which the city will decide whether to proceed based on cost and brick availability.

Mr. Calfee added that when street projects occur, the City also works to repair sidewalks in those areas. The city has expanded the range of sidewalk repairs beyond the immediate construction area to address additional needed improvements.

- The item was moved forward.

The second item was 2026-2029 Fuel Purchase Agreement Renewal

Mr. Calfee introduced the fuel purchase agreement renewal, which allows outside entities to purchase fuel from the City. He explained that the agreement is renewed annually and currently includes the Ravenna School District and the Portage Park District.

Mr. Moskun noted the arrangement has been in place for several years without issues, and the committee agreed to move the agreement forward.

- The item was moved forward.

The third item was the 2026 City Wide Tree Planting.

Mr. Contant explained that the city issues requests for proposals (RFPs) each year for the program and requested authorization for the Mayor to advertise for bids for the 2026 tree planting.

Ms. Michael noted she had received a certified letter indicating FirstEnergy would soon begin pruning and cutting trees along her street. She said she wanted to make residents aware so they would not be surprised if they saw crews working in their neighborhoods.

Mr. Calfee asked about the budget for the program, and Mr. Contant confirmed that \$25,000 had been appropriated.

- The item was moved forward.

Management Update

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:49 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

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