



Ravenna City Council
Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2026

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

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

Also attending the meeting: Mayor Frank Seman; Police Chief, Jake Smallfield; Service Director, Tim Contant; City Engineer; Bob Finney; Finance Director, Tami Lorence; Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor; Larry Silenius, Barbara Niemiller, Mark Hartburg, Trevor Martin, Amy Young, Eric Schlaubach, Barb Springer, William Barber, Justin Barber, Joseph Osborne, Iris Meltzer, Cheryl Wood, Todd Peetz, Ryann Cline, Kristy Huhn, Cynthia Miller, Lou Dudek, Alexander Zavertink, Susie Kohl, David Fosnight, Jen Kinney, Cliff Soudil, Tiffany Jones, Cathy Klein, Molly Halliday, Chester Halliday

The Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting was called to order at 8:06 P.M. by Chairperson, Amy Michael.

The first item was a second school resource officer (SRO).

Ms. Michael introduced the sole agenda item regarding a change to the second School Resource Officer (SRO) contract and asked Police Chief Jake Smallfield to explain.

Chief Smallfield reported that Heather Waldeck had decided to step away from the position, and Chase Vice volunteered to take over and has been enjoying the role. As a result, the contract needed to be updated to replace Officer Waldeck's name with Officer Vice's.

Ms. Michael clarified that the change was administrative, involving only the substitution of names, and expressed support for moving the item forward.

Mr. Calfee asked whether the per-diem rate remained the same, and it was confirmed that the contract had been updated accordingly with no changes to compensation.

Ms. Laudato asked about school assignment, and Chief Smallfield explained that Officer Vice is not yet assigned to a specific school, as he will rotate between locations until they are fully established.

- The item was moved forward.

Management Update

Mayor Seman addressed an incident that the Ravenna Police Department recently responded to. Chief Smallfield described an incident in which a man barricaded himself in a bathroom and threatened suicide. The Ravenna Police Department handled the situation without outside assistance, utilizing drone technology to maintain visual contact and communicate with the individual. Officers successfully de-escalated the situation, and the individual was taken to the hospital without injury or the need for a SWAT response.

Ms. Michael commended the Police Department for their coordination and use of advanced technology to diffuse the situation.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

**Amy Michael, Chairperson
Public Health and Safety Committee**