



**Ravenna City Council  
Streets & Sidewalks Committee Meeting Minutes  
March 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, 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 Zaventink, Susie Kohl, David Fosnight, Jen Kinney, Cliff Soudil, Tiffany Jones, Cathy Klein, Molly Halliday, Chester Halliday

**The Streets & Sidewalks Committee Meeting was called to order at 8:10 P.M. by Matt Harper.**

**The first item was to advertise bids for the King St. project.**

Mr. Harper stated that the item was authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for the King St. sewer, water and sidewalk project. There were no additional comments.

- The item was moved forward.

**The second item was to advertise bids for the 2026 pavement marking project.**

Mr. Harper explained that the item was to advertise for bids for the annual pavement marking program.

Mr. Moskun asked whether the same company would complete the work, and it was confirmed the project would go out for bid as usual.

- The item was moved forward.

**The third item was a discussion regarding installing 2- 30-minute parking signs downtown.**

Mr. Harper explained that similar “express parking” signs already exist in other parts of downtown and are intended to support short-term parking for customers making quick visits.

Mr. Calfee raised questions about how many such spaces currently exist, whether there are criteria for approving them, and how they might impact nearby businesses with longer customer stays.

Ms. Michael questioned how the time limits would be enforced, noting the City does not have dedicated parking enforcement personnel.

Mr. Harper acknowledged that enforcement is minimal and described the signs as more of a courtesy measure.

Mr. Marovich and Ms. Laudato expressed broader concerns about parking impacts, including effects on downtown residents and the overall availability of parking.

Ms. Laudato suggested that parking should be evaluated more comprehensively citywide rather than adding additional limited-time spaces incrementally.

Mr. Kairis noted that existing ordinances only address two-hour parking in the Central Business District and questioned whether 30-minute limits could be legally enforced without additional legislation. Despite this, he acknowledged the potential psychological benefit of signage in encouraging parking space turnover.

Additional discussion included the balance between short-term and long-term parking needs, enforcement limitations, and whether nearby businesses were consulted.

Mr. Soudil emphasized that while parking exists, convenience and enforcement remain challenges, and suggested broader solutions rather than isolated changes.

- The item was moved forward.

### **Management Update**

Mr. Harper noted a concern raised by a resident regarding drainage issues following recent rainfall. He stated that the Street Department would work to identify and address clogged ditches contributing to water flow into yards.

**There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:28 P.M.**

**ATTEST:**

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**Clerk of Council**

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