



**Ravenna City Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday, April 6, 2026, at 6:00 pm**

**The Regular Council Meeting was held in person in Council Chambers.**

**The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. April 6, 2026, by Council President, Rob Kairis**

**Moment of Meditation & Silence**

President Kairis called a moment of meditation and silence.

**Pledge to Flag**

President Kairis then led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

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

**Also in attendance:** Mayor Frank Seman; Law Director, Frank Cimino; Police Chief, Jake Smallfield; Fire Chief, Mark Chapple; Service Director, Tim Contant; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Finance Director, Tami Lorence; Council Clerk; Chelsea Gregor; Mike Reynolds, Utility Billing Superintendent, Amy Young, Becky Lehman, Sarah Meduri, William Barber, Justin Barber, Lucy Ribelin, Cathy Klein, Janet Moser, Joni Holloway, Barbara Sferra, Bob Walker, Cythia Miller, Larry Selinius, Susie Kohl, Ryann Cline, Cliff Soudil, Barb Niemiller, Rhonda Johnston

**Delegations from the Public:**

Mr. Kairis noted that four individuals were listed to speak and that each would be called in the order their requests were received.

**Lucy Riblin- Portage County Health District Update**

Lucy Ribelin thanked Council for the opportunity to speak and introduced Portage County Health District Health Commissioner Becky Layman and Administrator Sarah Meduri. Ms. Ribelin explained that the Health District provided Council with a simplified handout highlighting the many services Ravenna residents receive through their tax dollars. She emphasized that the Health District is an important local resource located in Ravenna and encouraged Council to help spread awareness of its programs and services. Ms. Ribelin also shared the department's mission of promoting public health, preventing disease, and protecting the environment before turning the presentation over to Sarah Meduri.

Sarah Meduri provided an overview of the Portage County Health District's work in Ravenna during 2025 and plans for 2026. She reported that the department handled more than 200 communicable disease investigations and 42 animal bite cases in Ravenna, while continuing to work with schools, healthcare providers, and other agencies to prevent outbreaks and educate the public. Ms. Meduri said 873 Ravenna families were served through WIC, more than 11,000 ounces of breast milk were collected through a new Ohio Mothers' Milk Bank partnership, 28 car seats were distributed and installed, and 12 safe sleep Pack and Plays were provided to local families. She also highlighted prevention and community health efforts, including distributing 360 Project DAWN overdose kits, operating two harm reduction vending machines in Ravenna, and offering 20 SAIL exercise classes for older adults at the Ravenna Senior Center. Ms. Meduri noted that the department completed 237 restaurant and environmental inspections during the year and continues to inspect camps, tattoo shops, pools, and respond to nuisance complaints.

Mr. Kairis asked whether any members of Council had questions following the Portage County Health District presentation.

Mr. Calfee asked Ms. Meduri for additional information regarding the 360 Project DAWN kits distributed in Ravenna, specifically what the kits contain, their intended purpose, and who receives them.

Ms. Meduri explained that the kits contain Narcan and are intended to help reverse overdoses. She said the Health District provides Narcan training and partners with law enforcement, community organizations, and individuals to distribute the kits. Ms. Meduri added that residents

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can request kits online, receive them by mail, access them through the Health District's harm reduction vending machine, or meet directly with trained staff or partner agencies.

Mr. Calfee then asked about the Ohio Mothers' Milk Bank partnership and confirmed that the reported 11,000 ounces of milk came from donations made by Portage County residents and processed through the local program.

Ms. Meduri confirmed that it was correct.

Mr. Calfee praised the initiative, noting his personal familiarity with the importance of such a resource for NICU families.

Ms. Michael thanked the Health District staff for their extensive work, commenting that many people do not realize the full scope of services the department provides. She specifically praised Becky Layman, Sarah Meduri, and the entire staff for their professionalism, friendliness, and dedication to the community. Ms. Michael also commended the Health District's Tasty Tuesday's food truck events and the Thrive Together Farmers Market, noting both have become valuable and positive community offerings.

Ms. Ribelin concluded by praising Becky Layman and Sarah Meduri as exceptional leaders who deeply care about Ravenna and its residents, stating that the city should be proud to have them serving the community.

Mr. Kairis thanked Ribelin and the Health District team for an excellent presentation.

### **Todd Peetz- Fair Housing Presentation**

Todd Peetz of the Portage County Regional Planning Commission addressed Council and explained that, as part of the county's administration of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds distributed to Ravenna, the City is required every two years to receive education regarding fair housing compliance. He then introduced Barb Sferra, the county's new CDBG coordinator, to assist with the presentation.

Barb Sferra thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to speak and distributed informational pamphlets on fair housing and landlord-tenant issues. She explained that while the evening's presentation focused specifically on fair housing, residents with landlord-tenant concerns are also encouraged to contact the Regional Planning office for guidance and resources. Ms. Sferra stated that the county's CDBG allocation includes fair housing education, outreach, and compliance efforts, and that the purpose of the presentation was to reinforce the relationship between fair housing laws and local zoning practices.

Mr. Peetz then played an educational video on the Federal Fair Housing Act and then reviewed the Federal Fair Housing Act, noting that the law prohibits housing discrimination based on disability, race, color, religion, sex, familial status, and national origin. The presentation emphasized that while the Fair Housing Act does not override local zoning laws, it does require zoning decisions to be fair, inclusive, and consistently applied so that no protected class is unfairly excluded from housing opportunities. It also highlighted that local governments must allow reasonable accommodations for residents with disabilities when necessary to provide equal access to housing.

Following the video, Mr. Peetz explained that the most common fair housing issue communities encounter involves reasonable accommodation requests, particularly accessibility improvements such as wheelchair ramps that may otherwise conflict with setback requirements. He said such accommodations should generally be handled administratively and without additional fees so as not to create barriers for disabled residents. Mr. Peetz further noted that some communities create affordability challenges through overly restrictive lot size or minimum house size requirements, but stated that Ravenna does not appear to have significant concerns in those areas. He concluded by reminding Council that this fair housing compliance review is conducted every two years as part of the city's participation in the CDBG program and offered to answer any questions.

Mr. Kairis thanked Mr. Peetz, Ms. Sferra, and the Regional Planning representatives for the presentation.

### **Amy Young- Reed Memorial Library**

Amy Young, Director of Reed Memorial Library, updated Council on the library's status and statewide funding changes. She explained that Ohio libraries operate as state political subdivisions with open access across the state, but recent budget changes have significantly reduced funding. Ms. Young reported that the shift of the Public Library Fund to a state budget line item has resulted in an estimated \$30 million reduction statewide for 2025–2026, requiring Reed Memorial Library to cut about \$200,000 from its budget. She said the library avoided staff

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or program cuts but reduced operating hours by approximately 15 hours per week based on usage data.

Ms. Young noted that the library is also supported through a local renewal levy on the May ballot and emphasized its low cost to homeowners. She cited statewide polling showing strong public support for libraries and said those results are being used in advocacy efforts at both the state and federal levels, including meetings in Columbus and Washington, D.C.

Ms. Young highlighted ongoing services and programs, including expanded outreach in schools, preschools, senior centers, and home delivery services, as well as partnerships with local organizations such as the Ravenna Fire Department, Center of Hope, and Portage Parks. She also described programming such as the summer concert series, farmers market collaborations, park-themed community events, and popular social media initiatives.

Ms. Young added that the library continues to expand services despite funding challenges, including technology kits, exercise equipment circulation, Roku streaming devices, museum passes, and interactive children's reading tools. She also noted continued community engagement through art displays, blood pressure screening hubs, and educational outreach. During Council discussion, Ms. West asked about plans for the upcoming summer kickoff event at Sun Beau Valley Farms.

Ms. Young outlined equine-themed activities, food trucks, music, and family programming, noting expectations for a large turnout and improved parking.

Mr. Calfee asked about Friends of the Library book donations, and Ms. Young explained that unsold or unusable books are either redistributed to partner organizations, recycled, or used in book sales, with proceeds supporting library programming and operations.

Ms. Laudato added that donated materials from the Friends of the Library have been valuable in institutional settings such as juvenile facilities and correctional programs. She also shared concerns about state-level funding changes and cited correspondence regarding library funding legislation.

Ms. Young responded by clarifying discrepancies between reported and actual funding figures, noting ongoing discussions with state representatives and continued advocacy efforts. She concluded by emphasizing strong community usage, noting over 10,000 monthly visitors and more than 120,000 active cardholders, and reaffirmed the library's commitment to maintaining services and community support despite funding challenges.

### **Bob Walker- Citizens for Ravenna Safety Center**

Bob Walker thanked Council for the opportunity to speak and introduced himself as a recent volunteer treasurer for the Citizens for Ravenna Safety Center PAC. He noted he is a Ravenna resident, a city employee, and a retired firefighter, and said he supports Council's long-standing efforts to plan for the replacement of aging public safety facilities, including the police and fire stations and the proposed Safety Center at the former Ravenna High School site.

Mr. Walker reviewed recent city efforts related to the Safety Center levy, including community surveys, public meetings, informational materials, a project website, site displays, and cost calculators. He reported that survey results showed approximately 40% support, 40% opposition, and about 19–20% undecided, emphasizing the importance of educating undecided voters before early voting begins.

Mr. Walker stated that the PAC was formed in March and has raised about \$3,500, which has been used for survey participation, yard signs, door hangers, and social media outreach. He requested assistance from Council members in identifying ward contacts to help distribute signs and informational materials, stressing the need for community outreach during the final phase before the May 5 election.

Mr. Calfee asked about the timing and distribution of yard signs and door hangers, and Mr. Walker noted that signs were beginning to be placed and door hangers would be ready within about a week.

Ms. Michael suggested coordinating potential ward-based volunteer efforts, while Mr. Walker cautioned against limiting outreach to a single day due to varying ward sizes and distribution needs.

Ms. Laudato commended Mr. Walker for his work on the levy campaign, and Mr. Walker acknowledged the support of his small volunteer group while reiterating his request for Council assistance in outreach efforts.

Mr. Kairis thanked Mr. Walker for his efforts and presentation, and announced that tours of the Fire Station, Police Station, and City Hall would be held on Saturday, April 18, beginning around 10:00 a.m. for a couple of hours, inviting the public to attend.

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Mr. Kairis requested a motion to amend the agenda to include an executive session at the end of the meeting following the Mayor's remarks, noting there would be no Council action taken afterward.

- Motion to add an Executive Session following the Mayors remarks pm by Ms. West, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Marovich- All Ayes

**Approval of the Agenda:**

- Motion to approve the agenda by Mr. Calfee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. West- **All Ayes**

Mr. Kairis explained the consent agenda, noting it included meeting minutes and various ordinances, with no communications for the month.

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**Consent Agenda:**

**Communications:**

**Approval of the Minutes:**

- Regular City Council Meeting of March 2, 2026
- Special City Council Meeting of March 23, 2026

**Report of Officials:**

**Ordinances:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-057** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE RAVENNA CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR A SECOND SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER RETROACTIVE FROM MARCH 2, 2026 THROUGH MAY 29, 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-058** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, ACCORDING TO LAW, FOR THE 2026 PAINTING OF PAVEMENT MARKINGS AND STRIPING, PURSUANT TO SPECIFICATIONS NOW ON FILE IN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-059** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, ACCORDING TO LAW, FOR THE KING STREET WATER LINE PROJECT, ACCORDING TO SPECIFICATIONS NOW ON FILE IN THE MAYORS OFFICE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-060** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF ONE (1) 30- MINUTE PARKING SIGN FOR TWO (2) PARKING SPACES IN FRONT OF BOOKS A-GO GO IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDINANCE 2012-099, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-061** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EMERGENCY WATERLINE REPAIR AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND APPROPRIATING \$71,717.91 FROM FUND 677.680.56965, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-063** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SPONSOR/SITE AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL TO PROVIDE MEALS AT THE PARKS AND RECREATION SUMMER DAY CAMP, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-064** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR, UPON THE ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS, TO PAY CERTAIN PURCHASE ORDERS MADE THAT EXCEED \$3,000.00, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- Motion to dispense with the requirements of the City Charter in the Revised Code of Ohio with reference to reading on three separate days and adopting emergency clauses and approving the consent agenda by Mr. Calfee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Marovich- **All Ayes**

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**Invited City Officials: Mike Reynolds, Utility Billing/Meter Superintendent/Safety Official**

Mike Reynolds reported that the Utility Billing Department remains one of the city's most public-facing departments, often serving as the first point of contact for new residents. He noted that in 2025, approximately 625 residents per month paid in person, representing interactions with more than 10% of households. Mr. Reynolds said the department processed 68,291 bills in 2025 and offers multiple payment options, including in-person payments, drop boxes, mail, auto-withdrawal, online, phone, text-to-pay, and bank bill pay. He emphasized the department's commitment to working with residents on payment arrangements when needed.

Mr. Reynolds highlighted the success of the city's 2021 meter upgrade, noting over 99% daily meter reads and 668 leak notifications issued in 2025, many of which helped residents avoid significant water loss costs. He reported total collections of \$7.14 million in 2025, a 2.6% increase from 2024.

Mr. Reynolds also recognized his staff for their customer service and explained that the department strives to be a helpful and accessible link between residents and city government. He additionally spoke in his role as City Safety Administrator, outlining 2025 safety initiatives including a hazardous materials disposal event, standardization and upgrades of first aid kits across departments and vehicles, placement of Project DAWN/Narcan kits in city buildings in partnership with the Portage County Health Department, installation of emergency radio communications systems across departments, and completion of trench safety training and updated safety procedures.

Mr. Reynolds concluded by encouraging Council members to contact or visit the department with any questions.

Ms. West shared a personal example, stating she was among the 668 residents who received leak notifications and credited the system with helping her identify a broken water softener early, saving money and preventing damage.

Mr. Calfee asked about meter reliability, and Mr. Reynolds replied that replacements have only been necessary due to freezing damage.

Ms. Laudato raised a concern about text-to-pay billing alerts not including full notifications or attachments, and Mr. Reynolds said he would look into improving text message functionality and ensuring service notices are accessible.

City staff noted potential improvements to notification systems and alert history access.

Mr. Kairis thanked Mr. Reynolds for the report and commended his department, encouraging him to reach out if Council could assist in further improvements.

**Report of Committees: Committee meetings start at 6:00 PM 4/13/2026.**

**Utilities:** Mr. Moskun stated that there is nothing as of now for next week.

**Information Systems:** Mr. Marovich stated that there will not be meeting.

**Planning:** Ms. Laudato stated that she plans to place a discussion item on regarding the city manager position and a potential ban on data centers, specifically AI data centers. She referenced concerns in Shalersville and statewide efforts to address the issue through a petition initiative but emphasized her desire for the city to act proactively rather than rely on future legislation.

**Committee of the Whole:** Mr. Kairis stated that the next Committee of the Whole meeting is Monday, April 20, 2026, at 6:00 pm.

**Public Health & Safety:** Ms. Michael stated that there is one item on the agenda and a meeting with most likely be held.

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**Streets & Sidewalks:** Mr. Harper stated that there is nothing on the agenda and there will be a meeting.

**Personnel:** Mr. Calfee stated that there will not be a meeting.

**Finance:** Mr. Kairis stated that there will be a couple items.

**Community & Economic Development:** Ms. West stated that she has one item that evening and that there will be a meeting.

**Cemetery:** Mr. Moskun reported that the board is still gathering information on ongoing matters and expects to have additional updates regarding the chapel within the next couple of weeks.

**Parks & Recreation:** Mr. Marovich reported that the department has been busy with several successful programs and events. He highlighted the Marlene Watt Walk held on the 14th, which raised over \$14,000, nearly double last year's total, crediting staff efforts and community participation. Mr. Marovich also noted upcoming and ongoing programming, including an archery class at Sunbeau Farms with 16 participants, a successful Easter Egg Hunt at City Park, and spring soccer with 87 youth registered. He added that registration remains open for Shooting Stars soccer and that the department is seeking part-time seasonal park employees. Mr. Marovich reported that the disc golf course at North Chestnut Park is nearing completion, with baskets installed and limited play already occurring, and said a formal ribbon-cutting will be scheduled once finalized. He also mentioned continued registration for late spring and summer programs and encouraged early sign-ups.

Mr. Calfee asked for clarification on the disc golf course location, and Mr. Marovich confirmed it is at North Chestnut Park.

### **First Reading of Ordinances:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-062** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FORMATION OF AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO REVIEW WARD REDISTRICTING WITHIN THE CITY OF RAVENNA, OHIO.

Ms. Laudato reported that the committee membership has been confirmed and includes herself, Ms. Michael, Mr. Moskun, and community member Mr. Silenus. She added that additional members include Dr. Jennifer Mapes of Kent State University, a GIS specialist and League of Women Voters member, and Sherry Rose, President of the Kent League of Women Voters and Ohio Development Director, who has prior experience successfully overseeing a similar process in another Ohio community. Ms. Laudato said she was pleased with the committee's formation and expressed optimism about advancing efforts to improve voter equity and balance in Ravenna.

There being no further comments or questions.

- Motion to waive three separate readings by Ms. Michael, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. West- **All Ayes**
- Motion to pass Resolution No. 2026-062 by Ms. West, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Marovich- **All Ayes**

Resolution 2026-062 was adopted.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-065** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONTRIBUTION OF \$60,000.00 TO MAIN STREET RAVENNA FOR DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION EFFORTS FOR 2026 AND 2027, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Kairis led continued discussion on the Community and Economic Development agenda items, noting that Council had already debated related funding issues at length.

For Ordinance 2026-65 Ms. West reiterated her support for local organizations, emphasizing that Main Street Ravenna and the Chamber of Commerce are key partners in supporting business development, improving quality of life, and advancing goals outlined in the city's comprehensive plan. She encouraged stronger communication and transparency from both organizations so Council and residents can better understand their impact.

Council members Mr. Laudato, Ms. Michael, and Mr. Harper expressed concerns about fiscal constraints, including the city's budget, recent staffing increases, and broader financial pressures.

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Ms. Laudato noted the city's reliance on revenue sources such as dispensary funds and emphasized avoiding future layoffs or financial instability.

Ms. Michael stated she could not support increases at this time due to budget uncertainty, upcoming levy concerns, and pending internal financial issues.

Mr. Harper similarly expressed hesitation about committing to a two-year funding term given ongoing financial spending and requested further discussion.

Mr. Marovich spoke in favor of funding, stating that Main Street and the Chamber are central to economic development and community identity, and argued that their work directly supports resident priorities such as attracting businesses and improving quality of life.

Mr. Moskun supported further discussion but acknowledged the financial concerns raised by others.

Council debated potential amendments, including shortening the term to one year or reducing funding amounts.

- Motion to amend the ordinance from two years to one year by Ms. Laudato, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Harper, Ms. Laudato, Mr. Harper- **All Ayes**, Mr. Calfee, Ms. West, Mr. Moskun, Mr. Marovich, Ms. Michael- **No**
- Motion to amend the ordinance from \$60,000 to \$40,000 by Ms. Michael, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Laudato- Ms. Michael, Ms. Laudato, Mr. Harper- **All Ayes**, Mr. Calfee, Ms. West, Mr. Moskun, Mr. Marovich- **No**
- Motion to waive three separate readings by Mr. Calfee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Marovich- Mr. Calfee, Mr. Marovich- **All Ayes**, Ms. West, Mr. Moskun, Ms. Laudato, Ms. Michael, Mr. Harper- **No**

Ordinance 2026-065 was left on for second reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-066** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONTRIBUTION OF \$40,000.00 TO THE RAVENNA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR CONTINUED LOCAL BUSINESS SUPPORT FOR 2026 AND 2027, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Council then considered Ordinance 2026-66 (Chamber of Commerce). Councilwoman West spoke in support, stating the Chamber plays a vital role in supporting and strengthening local businesses. Mr. Michael again proposed reducing the funding amount from \$40,000 to \$35,000.

- Motion to amend the ordinance from \$40,000 to \$35,000 by Ms. Michael, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Laudato- Ms. Michael, Ms. Laudato, Mr. Harper- **All Ayes**, Mr. Calfee, Ms. West, Mr. Moskun, Mr. Marovich- **No**
- Motion to waive three separate readings by Mr. Calfee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Marovich- Mr. Calfee, Mr. Marovich- **All Ayes**, Ms. West, Mr. Moskun, Ms. Laudato, Ms. Michael, Mr. Harper- **No**

Ordinance 2026-066 was left on for second reading.

**Second Reading of Ordinances: None**

**Third Reading of Ordinances:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-127** AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND ADOPTING THE CITY OF RAVENNA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Laudato explained that the only outstanding update was language provided by Mr. Peetz outlining the zoning steps required to implement the plan. She noted that the addition clarifies the process needed for the plan to be carried out and emphasized that the master plan would not be effective without it. Ms. Laudato stated her support for moving forward with adoption of the Comprehensive Plan.

- Motion to adopt emergency clause by Mr. Marovich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Moskun- **All Ayes**
- Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2025-127 by Ms. West, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Marovich- **All Ayes**

Ordinance 2025-127 was adopted.

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**Old Business- None**

**New Business- None**

### **President of Council Remarks-**

Mr. Kairis referenced the recently adopted Comprehensive Plan and asked Council members to review the plan's objectives and action items, encouraging focus on near-term priorities for implementation. He stated that he would begin scheduling special meetings dedicated specifically to discussing implementation of the plan.

Mr. Kairis also announced plans to call a special meeting on April 20 following the Committee of the Whole meeting, with no anticipated action items, to discuss improvements to the city's legislative process. He said he has been working with the Council Clerk, Tyler Marovich, and IT Director, Mr. Bender, to develop updates aimed at streamlining and partially automating the process by which legislation moves through committees and into final Council approval.

### **Council Member Remarks**

**Ms. Laudato-** Ms. Laudato expressed support for the passage of the master plan and noted she was pleased to see it move forward. She joked about Council "homework" related to the plan but said she was ready to begin the work of implementation.

Ms. Laudato also reported attending the Easter Egg Hunt and Touch-A-Truck event at City Park over the weekend. She described the event as highly successful with strong attendance and favorable weather, noting the large number of families present and the high level of community engagement, and thanked everyone involved in organizing the event.

**Ms. West-** Ms. West noted that April is Autism Acceptance/Autism Awareness Month and gave a shoutout to a regular viewer, Colson, saying he keeps her "in line," brings joy, and watches all of the Council's live feeds.

**Mr. Calfee-** No Comment

**Mr. Moskun-** Mr. Moskun Paul Moskun reported attending the Saturday event and observed strong public interest in the SWAT truck on display, noting that residents were engaged and curious about its equipment and use. He also observed residents recently cleaning out roadside ditches near their homes to improve drainage by removing debris that was blocking water flow.

**Mr. Harper-** No Comment

**Ms. Michael-** Ms. Michael reported that she will be coordinating a June 13 "Loaves and Fishes" volunteer date and will reach out to City Council members and city employees for assistance or donations. She explained that she committed to the date after the organization had difficulty filling it, and noted she will help provide 150 sandwiches and cookies while Loaves and Fishes supplies fruit, drinks, and water. Ms. Michael encouraged participation, describing the event as rewarding based on prior experience, and noted Ravenna Police Department has already taken another volunteer date. She also thanked Parks and Recreation, the Ravenna Moose, the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, and Hometown Bank for their support of the Parks and Rec Easter Egg event, praising the turnout, organization, and volunteer efforts, and stating the donated Easter bags were a helpful addition for families.

**Mr. Marovich-** No Comment

**Mayor's Remarks-** Mayor Seman commented on several topics, noting that the cost of city water is approximately three cents per gallon and encouraged residents to consider using municipal water as a cost-saving measure. He also reported hearing that a previously closed holiday ornament shop may be reopening under new ownership, calling it a positive sign of growing unique local businesses.

He reflected on the evening's presentations and acknowledged that difficult financial decisions must be made, stating that he and the Finance Director regularly monitor the city's budget.

Mayor Seman emphasized that the city has improved its financial position from near bankruptcy to regaining a strong bond rating, and stressed the importance of maintaining fiscal discipline and keeping department spending within budget. He cautioned about potential economic downturns and said department heads have been directed to stay within their allocated budgets to ensure continued financial stability.

Mr. Kairis then stated that City Council would need to enter executive session to discuss the potential purchase of property for public use and the discussion of legal matters.

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- Motion to go into Executive Session at 7:45 pm by Mr. Calfee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Marovich - All Ayes

Council went into Executive Session to consider the purchase of property for public purposes since the premature disclosure of information regarding the purchase would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal private interest is adverse to the general public interest and to discuss pending and eminent court action.

- Motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:04 pm by Ms. West, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Marovich- All Ayes

**Adjourn to Monday, May 4, 2026**

- Motion to adjourn at 8:05 pm by Mr. Marovich, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Moskun- **All Ayes**

The next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 4, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.

**ATTEST:**

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Clerk of Council

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Council President