



**Ravenna City Council
Special Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2026**

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

The Special Meeting of Ravenna City Council was called to order by Council President, Rob Kairis at 8:40pm.

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

Also in attendance: Mayor Frank Seman, Police Chief, Jake Smallfield; Fire Chief, Mark Chapple; Service Director, Tim Contant, Finance Director, Tami Lorence, City Engineer, Bob Finney; Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor, Larry Silenius, Barb Niemiller, Cynthia Miller, William Barber, Mark Cole, Cheryl Wood, Amy Young, Cynthia Miller, Sarah Pastor, Ryann Cline, Cathy Klein, Susie Kohl, Eric Schlaubach, River Kale, Jamie McMillen, Cliff Soudil, Tom Bellish, Logan Alexander

- Motion to excuse Mr. Calfee, Ms. Michael, and Ms. Laudato by Ms. West, 2nd by Mr. Marovich- **All Ayes**

The Clerk read the Call for the Special Council meeting to discuss and/or act upon Ordinance 2026-021 authorizing the replacement of equipment in the Water Treatment Plant, Ordinance 2026-054 approving the 2026 Permanent Budget, Ordinance 2026-055 to enter into a new electric aggregation agreement, and Ordinance 2026-056 to enter into a contract with Triad Communications, Inc.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-021 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC PURSUANT TO THE QUOTATION OF FEBRUARY 25, 2026 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF MOTOR CONTROL CONTACTORS WITHIN THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND APPROPRIATING \$275,780.58 FROM FUND 670.675.56965 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Council reviewed Ordinance 2026-21, authorizing an agreement with Schneider Electric for Water Treatment Plant upgrades.

Mr. Moskin emphasized the urgency and safety importance of the project.

There being no further comments or questions.

- Motion to adopt emergency clause by Mr. Calfee, 2nd by Mr. Marovich- **All Ayes**
- Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2026-021 by Mr. Calfee, 2nd by Mr. Marovich- **All Ayes**

Ordinance 2026-021 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-054 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

(REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.38) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF RAVENNA, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Kairis noted it had been thoroughly reviewed in committee and credited Mr. Lorence for her work on the budget.

There being no further comments or questions.

- Motion to waive three separate readings by Ms. West, 2nd by Ms. Michael- **All Ayes**
- Motion to adopt emergency clause by Ms. Marovich, 2nd by Mr. Moskun- **All Ayes**
- Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2026-054 by Mr. Marovich, 2nd by Ms. West- **All Ayes**

Ordinance 2026-054 was adopted.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2026-055 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 2026-046 PASSED ON MARCH 2, 2026, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGGREGATION RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH DYNEGY TO SUPPLY ELECTRICITY TO RAVENNA CITY RESIDENTS FOR THE PERIOD FROM MAY 2026 THRU MAY 2028, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Moskin explained that a price ceiling of 9.8 cents per kilowatt hour had been set, with hopes for a lower rate.

Ms. encouraged residents to compare rates independently through the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, a point supported by Mr. Marovich.

There being no further comments or questions.

- Motion to waive three separate readings by Mr. Marovich, 2nd by Mr. Moskun- **All Ayes**
- Motion to adopt emergency clause by Mr. Marovich, 2nd by Ms. West- **All Ayes**
- Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2026-055 by Mr. Marovich, 2nd by Ms. West- **All Ayes**

Ordinance 2026-055 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-056 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TRIAD COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR MARKETING OF THE PROPOSED INCOME TAX INCREASE AND APPROPRIATING \$10,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Laudato stated the ordinance required amendments to comply with the Ohio Revised Code and suggested additional revisions.

Ms. Lorence indicated that she would review the contract further with Ms. Laudato and the Law Director.

Due to outstanding concerns, Mr. Kairis announced that the ordinance would remain for a future reading in April.

There being no further comments or questions.

Ordinance 2026-056 was kept on for second reading.

Mr. Silenius raised a question regarding contract authorization for Triad Communications.

Mr. Kairis acknowledged the concern but noted the complexity of revising the contract at that stage.

He clarified that the marketing efforts discussed were informational and separate from any political action committee activity.

- Motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm by Mr. Marovich, 2nd Ms. West- **All Ayes**

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Council President