



**Ravenna City Council  
Special Meeting Minutes  
April 20, 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:** 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, Cliff Soudil, M. Burner, Ray McDaniel, Will Hollingsworth, Cheryl Wood, Lucy Ribelin, Bill Barber, Rachael M. Coleman-Dean, Tabitha Monroe, Carolyn Chambers, Joe Bica, Marinin, Rod F., Logan Alexander Colait, Lee Moore, Angel Tarter, Ron Tarter, Michael J. Cyphert, Michelle Walczak, Antonio Walzak, Rob S., Kali Roberts, Holly Brunswick, Cole Collins, Kelley Alger

The Clerk read the Call for the Special Council meeting to discuss and/or act upon Ordinance 2026-065 approving a contribution to Main Street Ravenna, Ordinance 2026-066 approving a contribution to the Chamber of Commerce, Ordinance 2026-067 establishing a temporary moratorium on data centers, changing the legislative process, to hold an executive session for the potential purchase of real estate and to go into an executive session to discuss the compensation of city employees.

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

Ms. West proposed an amendment reducing the contribution term from two years to one year by removing references to 2027 throughout the ordinance.

Mr. Calfee noted additional wording changes were needed in the title, final “whereas” clause, and Section One.

Ms. West said Council discussions indicated support for a one-year commitment and emphasized the importance of increased communication and accountability from Main Street Ravenna.

Mr. Marovich said the one-year term avoided overcommitting the city.

Mr. Kairis stated he planned to attend Main Street board meetings as a liaison and report back to council, while Ms. West added that Main Street representatives agreed to provide quarterly updates to Council and submit future funding requests earlier in the year.

Ms. Michael said she continued to support Main Street at its previous funding level but opposed the increase due to current financial concerns.

Ms. Laudato expressed optimism about new leadership within Main Street Ravenna, specifically mentioning the owner of Books A Go Go and her programming abilities.

Mr. Moskun said he believed the funding amount was too high at this time.

Council unanimously approved an amendment to reduce the funding term to one year.

- Motion to amend the donation amount for one year by Ms. West, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Marovich- **All Ayes**

There being no further comments or questions.

- Motion to waive three separate readings by Ms. West, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Calfee- Ms. West, Mr. Calfee, Ms. Michael, Mr. Marovich, Ms. Laudato, Mr. Harper- **All Ayes**, Mr. Moskun- **No**
- Motion to adopt emergency clause by Ms. West, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Marovich- Ms. West, Mr. Marovich, Mr. Calfee, Ms. Laudato, Mr. Harper- **All Ayes**, Mr. Moskun, Ms. Michael- **No**
- Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2026-065 by Ms. West, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Marovich- Ms. West, Mr. Marovich, Mr. Calfee, Ms. Laudato, Mr. Harper- **All Ayes**, Mr. Moskun, Ms. Michael- **No**

Ordinance 2026-065 was adopted.

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**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 DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. West said she had spoken extensively with Chamber representatives about improving accountability and communication. She said the Chamber also agreed to provide quarterly reports to Council and submit future proposals earlier in the year. Ms. West then proposed an amendment mirroring the Main Street Ravenna change by limiting the contribution to 2026 only. Ms. Michael again stated she opposed funding increases while the City's Safety Levy remained active.

- Motion to amend the donation amount for one year by Ms. West, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Marovich- **All Ayes**

There being no further comments or questions.

- Motion to waive three separate readings by Ms. West, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Calfee- **All Ayes**
- Motion to adopt emergency clause by Mr. Marovich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. West- Mr. Marovich, Ms. West, Mr. Calfee, Mr. Moskun, Ms. Laudato, Mr. Harper- **All Ayes**, Ms. Michael- **No**
- Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2026-065 by Mr. Marovich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. West- Mr. Marovich, Ms. West, Mr. Calfee, Mr. Moskun, Ms. Laudato, Mr. Harper- **All Ayes**, Ms. Michael- **No**

Ordinance 2026-066 was adopted.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-067** AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE APPROVAL OF NEW DATA CENTERS WITHIN THE CITY OF RAVENNA FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR TO ALLOW FOR STUDY AND DEVELOPMENT OF APPROPRIATE REGULATIONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Laudato said the ordinance reflected lessons learned from other communities and praised residents who attended previous meetings and helped inform council about the issue. She referenced national attention Ravenna received for proactively addressing data center concerns and criticized cryptocurrency mining and data center operations as burdens on community resources and utilities. Ms. Laudato expressed disappointment after learning a Bitcoin mining operation had already opened locally without Council review, stating the moratorium would help prevent similar situations in the future.

Ms. Michael clarified that Council had no authority over the previously established Bitcoin mining operation because it did not require city utility infrastructure or Planning Commission approval due to its size. She said reports of the facility already needing additional electrical service were concerning and questioned whether such operations could increase utility costs for residents.

Ms. Laudato responded that the moratorium would allow the City to revise zoning and legislative procedures to ensure future operations of that nature would require council or planning commission review.

There being no further comments or questions.

- Motion to waive three separate readings by Ms. West, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Michael- **All Ayes**
- Motion to adopt emergency clause by Ms. Michael, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Moskun- **All Ayes**
- Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2026-067 by Mr. Harper, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Marovich- **All Ayes**

Ordinance 2026-067 was adopted.

Mr. Kairis then announced he would postpone discussion regarding legislative process changes due to time constraints and the anticipated length of the executive session. He thanked members of the public for attending and encouraged anyone with additional comments to contact Council members directly.

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Mr. Kairis then requested to go into executive session to consider the compensation of public employees and 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.

- Motion to go into Executive Session at 7:01 pm by Mr. Calfee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Marovich - All Ayes

Council went into Executive Session to consider the compensation of public employees and to consider the purchase of property.

- Motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:26 pm by Ms. West, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Marovich - All Ayes
  
- Motion to adjourn at 8:26 pm by Ms. West, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Marovich- **All Ayes**

**ATTEST:**

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**Clerk of Council**

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**Council President**