



**Ravenna City Council
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2026**

The public meeting was held in Ravenna 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: Fire Chief, Mark Chapple; Service Director, Tim Contant; City Engineer; Bob Finney; Finance Director, Tami Lorence; Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor; Human Resource Director, Heather Richkowski; Larry Silenius, Barbara Niemiller, Cliff Soudil, Cynthia Miller, Jen Davis

Finance Committee Meeting was called to order at 7:54 P.M. by Chairperson, Rob Kairis.

The first item was a discussion about Cannabis Tax Revenue.

Mr. Kairis stated noted that Council had previously provided a range of ideas for potential uses of the funds but emphasized that no final decisions were being made at this time. Mr. Kairis shared his preference, supported by the administration, to delay any spending decisions until the end of the fiscal year in order to better understand total revenues and economic conditions.

Ms. Lorence confirmed that the Mayor supported this approach.

Mr. Kairis added that economic uncertainty, including broader fiscal pressures and potential changes in state or local tax structures, made it difficult to commit funds at this time. He also noted that waiting would allow Council to evaluate a full year of collections, which could show seasonal variability and provide a clearer financial picture.

Mr. Calfee agreed with the approach, recommending that the revenue be collected and placed into a designated special fund while Council evaluates future uses. He suggested allowing the funds to accumulate over a year before determining whether they should be allocated to a specific project or ongoing funding need.

Mr. Marovich supported this position, emphasizing the need for flexibility given uncertain future conditions.

Mr. Kairis also noted that having a full year of revenue data would help Council better understand consistency and overall projections.

Ms. Lorence reported that recent collections were approximately \$31,000 for the latest period, consistent with prior quarters, estimating roughly \$360,000 annually if trends continue.

Mr. Moskun asked how Council should respond to residents requesting information on how the funds will be used.

Council members agreed that the appropriate messaging is that the revenue source is new and will be evaluated over time before decisions are made, with a focus on fiscal caution and data collection.

Ms. West summarized that Council would allow time to assess the revenue stream before making spending decisions, a position generally supported by the committee.

Mr. Kairis concluded the discussion by noting there was no current desire to allocate funds and that the committee would revisit the issue in the future if needed.

- The item was for discussion only.

Management

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:59 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

**Rob Kairis, Chairperson
Finance Committee**