



Ravenna City Council
Streets & Sidewalks Committee Meeting Minutes
May 11, 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: 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

The Streets & Sidewalks Committee Meeting was called to order at 7:38 P.M. by Matt Harper.

The first item was a contract with JD Striping and Services.

Mr. Harper introduced approval of a contract with JD Striping Services for the City's annual striping program in the amount of \$85,911. He noted the company has long provided striping services for the City.

Mr. Moskun supported the contract, citing decades of familiarity with the vendor's work.

Mr. Calfee raised a question regarding crosswalk striping standards, specifically whether the City's current "ladder-style" crosswalks, with directional striping rather than a solid bar, were required or a local design choice.

Mr. Finney explained the City adopted the design as a state-accepted standard intended to increase visibility and driver awareness, while also improving durability and recognition.

Mr. Calfee expressed concern about visibility and suggested traditional crosswalk markings with transverse bars may be more recognizable.

Other members noted the importance of consistency and signage, while acknowledging differing opinions on effectiveness.

- The item was moved forward.

The second item was a discussion regarding the Alternate Sidewalk program.

Mr. Harper then discussed the City's Alternate Sidewalk Program.

Mr. Finney recommended eliminating the program, explaining that it provides minimal reimbursement to homeowners, involves significant administrative effort, and is rarely utilized. He noted that while homeowners remain responsible for sidewalks, the City already addresses hazards caused by infrastructure such as tree damage and often includes sidewalk repairs in larger infrastructure or utility projects.

Mr. Calfee supported eliminating the program, citing its limited financial impact and administrative burden. The committee agreed to advance the recommendation to discontinue the program.

- The item was moved forward.

The third item was a discussion regarding speed limits on Main St.

Mr. Harper addressed speed limits on State Route 59 at the eastern and western approaches to the City, where the speed changes from 25 mph in the downtown core to 35 mph near commercial and residential areas. He noted citizen concerns about safety in these transition zones.

Mr. Calfee and Mr. Moskun explained that speed limits on state routes are controlled by ODOT, limiting the City's authority to make changes without state approval.

Council members discussed potential mitigation measures, including increased police enforcement and relocation or installation of flashing speed feedback signs.

Mr. Finney noted the City already owns additional signage that could be deployed, and members agreed to install or relocate signs to improve driver awareness, particularly for outbound traffic.

- The item was moved forward.

Management Update

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:54 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

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