



**Ravenna City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 8, 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. September 8, 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, Paul Moskun, Tim Calfee, Carmen Laudato, Matt Harper, Tyler Marovich, Christina West

Also in attendance: Mayor Frank Seman; Police Chief, Jake Smallfield; Fire Chief, Mark Chapple; Service Director, Tim Contant; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Finance Director, Tami Lorence; Council Clerk; Chelsea Gregor; Cythia Miller, Larry Selinius Cliff Soudil, Barb Niemiller, Jeni Holloway, Gary Smith, Josia Drohard, Steve Entinger, Heidi Timmons, Janet Minor, Herm Minor

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

Delegations from the Public: Janette Minor addressed Council regarding a dispute with a neighbor on Mechanic Ave. concerning railroad ties and other materials placed along the City right-of-way near their driveway. Ms. Minor stated that she and her husband, Herm, have lived at the property for nearly 60 years and recently experienced difficulty accessing their narrow driveway because of the railroad ties and rocks. Ms. Minor described several confrontations with the neighbor and expressed concerns about comments and actions directed toward her and her family. She also presented photographs of the property and stated that the placement of the railroad ties and rocks has created an obstruction and resulted in damage to her vehicle. Mr. Kairis explained that City Code Section 1020.02 requires a permit for items placed within the public right-of-way and confirmed that the neighbor had received a permit. He stated that, although he personally believed allowing a permanent structure in the right-of-way was a mistake, Council did not have the authority to reverse the permit. Mr. Kairis said he had reviewed the situation and agreed that the placement created a problem for the Minors. He asked the administration to review the matter and communicate with the Minors to determine whether an accommodation could be arranged, including potentially moving or shortening the railroad ties.

Ms. Minor stated that she had contacted the Engineering Department and provided photographs but had not received a response.

Mr. Minor stated that he believed City regulations required obstacles such as railroad ties to be at least 15 feet from the center of the roadway and said moving the structure several feet would resolve the problem.

Ms. Laudato asked whether the City Code provides a process for revoking a permit.

Mr. Kairis stated that he was unsure of the formal process and reiterated that the matter was primarily administrative and encouraged the administration to review the permit and communicate with the Minors. He acknowledged the difficulty of the situation and expressed sympathy regarding the family's concerns.

Janette and Herm Minor thanked Council for hearing their concerns.

Larry Silenius requested that Ordinance 2026-127 be returned to committee for further review. He stated that the language adopted at the previous meeting could be improved, that some items had been inadvertently omitted, and that the matter was not an emergency. Mr. Silenius said returning it to committee would only delay consideration by approximately one month.

Barbara Niemiller addressed several issues. She discussed the City's use of manpower for Octane Nights, stating that her concern was not the cost of the event but the lack of public

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acknowledgment of City employees and departments, including the Street Department, Police, and Fire/EMS. Ms. Niemiller reported that the 2025 event used approximately 180 regular hours and 260.5 overtime hours, and estimated that City manpower for the event could total approximately \$150,000 to \$188,000 over 10 years. She noted that Tricia Kraus publicly thanked the City following the 2026 event.

Ms. Niemiller also questioned whether the City's resources devoted to the Ravenna Balloon A-Fair remain justified given the event's reduced presence in downtown Ravenna. She suggested that the City consider the financial and economic return of events and the opportunity to support other community events.

Ms. Niemiller then raised concerns regarding the City's contract with Flock ALPR cameras, expressing concerns about privacy, data collection, information sharing, and mass surveillance. She stated that she believed Council and the Police Department may not have had sufficient information when the contract was approved in 2024 after three readings were waived and an emergency was declared. Ms. Niemiller referenced provisions in Flock's standard agreement regarding the use and disclosure of collected data and provided statistics concerning the number of ALPR cameras, the percentage of scans associated with potential wrongdoing, and license-plate misreads.

Mr. Kairis clarified that the City's Flock contract was approved for two years in April 2024 and automatically renews unless the City provides 30 days' notice. He stated that the contract would therefore remain in effect until spring 2027. Mr. Kairis noted that Ms. Laudato or the appropriate committee may address the matter, including the City's policies and practices concerning Flock cameras.

Ms. Laudato asked when the City would need to provide notice if Council wanted to terminate the Flock contract.

Mr. Kairis stated that notice would need to be provided 30 days before the renewal date, although he was unsure of the exact contract date.

Approval of the Agenda:

- Motion to approve the agenda by Mr. Calfee, 2nd by Mr. Marovich- **All Ayes**
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Consent Agenda:

Communications: Invitation to the Annual Public Official Breakfast Reception.

Approval of the Minutes:

- Regular City Council Meeting of August 3, 2026

Report of Officials:

Ordinances:

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-122 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CAROLINA CARPORTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE COLD STORAGE EXPANSION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-123 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN MOU WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-125 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE 2026 STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-128 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF \$300,000 FOR THE DESIGN PHASE OF THE CONTRACT WITH MS CONSULTANTS TO PERFORM THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR THE CHESTNUT ST. LIFT STATION PROJECT FROM FUND 677, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-129 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.

Mr. Kairis stated that Resolution 2026-131, accepting tax rates and levies and their apportionment, would be removed from the consent agenda so the motion and vote could be properly recorded by the Clerk.

Ms. Laudato asked to add an additional property acquisition matter to the executive session.

Mr. Kairis clarified that the matter could be added, provided the appropriate reason was included in the executive session motion. He noted that the executive session would also address employee compensation and legal matters.

Ms. Laudato clarified that the property being discussed was not for another park.

Mr. Kairis noted that no business would be conducted following the executive session and that the public could leave at its conclusion.

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, 2nd by Ms. West- **All Ayes**

Invited City Officials: Heather Richkowski, Human Resources Director

Ms. Richkowski reported that employee development continues to focus on communication styles and effective workplace communication for department heads, supervisors, and employees. She is also introducing Mental Health First Aid training through the Mental Health & Recovery Board of Portage County, particularly for employees who regularly interact with the public. The City continues to utilize its Employee Assistance Program for employee and supervisor development.

Ms. Richkowski stated that Chapter 260, the payroll ordinance, and the Policies and Procedures Handbook were significantly updated during the past year, with input from Mr. Calfee, Mr. Kairis, Ms. Lorence, and herself. She also reported that the City is preparing for open enrollment and that the healthcare committee, which includes representatives from departments and unions, is reviewing benefit options. A high-deductible healthcare plan with a health savings account is being considered as an additional option.

Ms. Richkowski reported that the employee wellness program is entering its fourth year and currently has approximately 35–40% participation. The City's benefits broker considers the participation rate strong compared with other municipalities. She also discussed workers' compensation and the City's efforts to return injured employees to work through appropriate care and light-duty assignments. A part-time Safety Compliance Officer was recently hired to assist with employee safety and workers' compensation matters.

Ms. Richkowski stated that all five collective bargaining agreements were settled during the past year. The negotiations addressed pay inequities and have contributed to improved recruitment. She also reported that the Civil Service Commission finalized the City's civil service rules and that the City will continue using the National Testing Network for entry-level safety-force positions.

Ms. Richkowski explained that the City's transition to ADP will allow the implementation of an applicant tracking and onboarding system to streamline the hiring process. She also continues to participate in local and regional government HR organizations and utilizes wage and benefit surveys to help maintain competitive compensation.

Mr. Calfee asked about current vacancies.

Ms. Richkowski stated that the Street Department mechanic position has been particularly difficult to fill, as has a part-time position at Lake Hodgson.

Mr. Calfee congratulated Ms. Richkowski on filling the Safety Compliance Officer position, and she reported that the new employee was doing well.

Mr. Marovich asked how the City's 35–40% wellness-program participation compares with other municipalities.

Ms. Richkowski stated that the City's benefits broker considers the participation rate very good.

Mr. Marovich also asked how Council could support continued employee participation.

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Ms. Laudato expressed concerns about the potential impact of a high-deductible healthcare plan on employees' willingness to seek medical care.

Ms. Richkowski clarified that the high-deductible plan would be an additional option and would not replace the City's existing plans. She also stated that preventive care would remain available at no cost and that the idea of adding the plan originated with employees.

Mr. Kairis thanked Ms. Richkowski for the update and encouraged her to bring any Human Resources matters requiring Council attention to Council.

Report of Committees: Committee meetings start at 6:00 PM 9/14/2026.

Utilities: Mr. Moskun stated that there are no items for next week.

Information Systems: Mr. Marovich stated that there would not be a meeting.

Planning: Ms. Laudato stated that there would be two items for the committee.

Committee of the Whole: Mr. Kairis stated that the next Committee of the Whole meeting is Monday, September 21, 2026, at 6:00 pm.

Public Health & Safety: Ms. Michael stated the committee might meet.

Streets & Sidewalks: Mr. Harper stated that there would be one item for the meeting.

Personnel: Mr. Calfee stated that there will be a meeting.

Community & Economic Development: Ms. West stated that reported that the Community and Economic Development Committee would meet and that the Chamber of Commerce would provide an update on its activities. Mr. Kairis added that Main Street Ravenna would also present information on downtown wayfinding.

Finance: Mr. Kairis stated that there most likely will be a meeting.

Cemetery: Ms. West reported that the Cemetery Board did not meet during the month and had no update.

Parks & Recreation: Mr. Marovich provided a Parks and Recreation update, reporting significant improvements to Field One at Havre's Woods Park, including extending the infield for 90-foot base paths to accommodate additional age divisions and programming. The girls' volleyball league was preparing to begin its season in partnership with the school district and athletic boosters, with 59 participants registered. Shooting Stars and youth soccer programs were underway, and Parks was working with the high school soccer program on a players' night. Parks was also working with the Chamber on the Community Cup and planning the Sunbeau Fall Fest for October 17 from 5:00–8:00 p.m., featuring trick-or-treating, hayrides, pumpkin archery, a scare walk, and other family activities.

Main Street Ravenna Report: Mr. Kairis reported that Main Street Ravenna has hired a new Executive Director, Tricia Schum, who has begun meeting with community members. He announced Main Street's planned fall fundraiser, "Prize-a-Palooza," featuring merchant gift baskets and an online grand-prize opportunity. Mr. Kairis also noted that Main Street is considering adding one or two high school students to its board as non-voting members to provide additional youth perspectives. He reiterated that Main Street Ravenna would present its downtown wayfinding proposal at the September 14th committee meeting and provide a quarterly update to Council in October.

First Reading of Ordinances:

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-124 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RAVENNA PART FOUR – TRAFFIC CODE; TITLE SIX – OPERATION & VEHICLES; CHAPTER 444 – BICYCLES & MOTORCYCLES GENERALLY; SECTION 444.12 – ELECTRIC BICYCLES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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Mr. Harper explained that the proposed changes retain the requirement that all Class 3 electric bicycle operators and passengers wear helmets and add a requirement for persons under 18 operating or riding as passengers on Class 1 or Class 2 electric bicycles to wear a protective helmet meeting Consumer Product Safety Commission or ASTM standards.

Ms. West questioned the need for an emergency clause, noting that the ordinance represents a significant change and residents should have an opportunity to learn about the requirements and provide feedback.

Mr. Marovich agreed that additional time would allow information to reach more residents.

Mr. Kairis explained that the emergency clause is a separate vote and that Council could approve the ordinance without the emergency clause, allowing it to take effect after 30 days.

Mr. Moskun asked how residents would be informed of the new helmet requirements.

Mr. Kairis noted that enforcement could be challenging because officers may need to determine the class of an e-bike and, for Class 1 and 2 bikes, the rider's age.

Mr. Marovich suggested using water bill inserts or other public communication to explain the e-bike classifications and new requirements.

Ms. West suggested providing information and a link on the City's website.

Mr. Moskun supported both methods.

Mr. Marovich encouraged the administration to proactively publicize the new requirements during the 30-day period and offered to assist with developing public information to help residents and families prepare for the changes.

There being no further comments or questions.

- Motion to waive three separate readings by Mr. Calfee, 2nd by Mr. Harper- Mr. Calfee, Mr. Harper, Mr. Moskun, Mr. Marovich- **All Ayes**, Ms. West, Ms. Laudato- **No**
- Motion to adopt emergency clause by Mr. Calfee, 2nd by Mr. Harper- Mr. Calfee, Mr. Harper, Mr. Moskun- **All Ayes**, Ms. West, Mr. Marovich, Ms. Laudato- **No**
- Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2026-124 by Mr. Marovich, 2nd by Mr. Calfee- **All Ayes**

Ordinance 2026-124 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-126 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, SECTION TWELVE – PLANNING AND ZONING CODE; TITLE SIX – ZONING; CHAPTER 1268 – USE, AREA AND HEIGHT REGULATIONS, BY AMENDING THE MINIMUM LIVING FLOOR AREA PER DWELLING UNIT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Laudato explained that the ordinance would replace the City's current multifamily housing square-footage standard with a bedroom-based model used by surrounding communities. The proposed standards would require 450 square feet for an efficiency/studio, 550 square feet for a one-bedroom unit, 750 square feet for a two-bedroom unit, 950 square feet for a three-bedroom unit, and 1,100 square feet for four or more bedrooms. Ms. Laudato noted that the proposed standards would help attract multifamily developers, including developers seeking Low-Income Housing Tax Credits. She clarified that the ordinance would apply to the R4, R5 and R6 districts, with R6 included for potential future development. The ordinance would not change existing setback or height requirements. Ms. Laudato expressed her view that the ordinance should not include an emergency clause due to the significant changes to the City's multifamily housing regulations. She stated that allowing additional time for review would provide an opportunity for public discussion and further consideration.

Mr. Calfee asked about the procedure for keeping an ordinance on second and third readings.

Mr. Kairis explained that if Council does not make a motion to waive the three readings, the ordinance automatically remains on the agenda for additional readings. He noted that if a motion to waive the readings is made and fails, the ordinance also remains for additional readings.

Mr. Calfee asked when the new standards would apply to a developer with a multifamily project already moving through the Planning Commission process.

Mr. Kairis and the Law Director explained that the timing and applicable standards could depend on when the project received approval and when the new ordinance becomes effective.

Mr. Cimino stated that projects already proceeding under the existing code may have the right to continue under those standards, making the matter a legal and procedural consideration.

Mr. Laudato noted that the Planning Commission had placed a 60-day hold on a multifamily project to allow Council time to consider the proposed changes. She maintained that the

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ordinance should not be passed as an emergency, even with the project on hold, because of the significance of the proposed changes.

Mr. Kairis asked if there was a motion to waive the three separate readings. No motion was made, and the ordinance was retained for second reading.

There being no further comments or questions.

Ordinance 2026-126 was kept on for second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-127 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RAVENNA, PART FOURTEEN- BUILDING AND HOUSING CODE; TITLE SIX – MISCELLANEOUS BUILDING REGULATIONS; CHAPTER 1434 – DESIGN REVIEW DISTRICT, SECTION 1434.03- RAVENNA DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION, SECTION 1434.04 CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Laudato explained that the ordinance amends the Design Review Guidelines regarding recusals. A Design Review Commission member who has a personal or pecuniary interest in an application would recuse themselves from both discussion and voting. However, when the applicant is also a Design Review Commission member, they would recuse themselves from the vote but remain permitted to participate in the discussion and present their application. Ms. Laudato also explained that the ordinance addresses the timing of appeals to Council and removes the previous 30-day provision to ensure an applicant is not left without an opportunity to appeal if a second Design Review Committee meeting does not occur. She stated that the proposed changes address remaining issues in the Design Review Guidelines after several years of Council review, including clarification, grammar, and redundancy. Ms. Laudato supported allowing additional public comment and stated that she did not believe the ordinance needed an emergency clause.

Ms. West agreed that the changes addressed concerns previously raised and provided an appropriate solution.

Mr. Calfee supported allowing a Design Review Commission member who is the applicant to fully participate in the discussion, while questioning how “personal interest” would be determined.

Ms. Laudato noted that similar language is included in Ohio Ethics Commission guidance and offered to research the issue further.

No motion was made to waive the three separate readings.

Mr. Kairis stated that Ordinance 2026-127 would remain on the agenda for second reading.

Ordinance 2026-127 was kept on for second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-130 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL PROVIDED BY LOVE INSURANCE AGENCY, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND MARKED EXHIBIT “A” FOR THE RENEWAL OF INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 14, 2027, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The Clerk read Ordinance 2026-130, accepting the insurance renewal proposal from Love Insurance Agency for coverage from September 15, 2026, through September 14, 2027, and declaring an emergency. A typographical error in the year was noted and determined to be non-material by the Law Director.

Ms. Lorence reported that the renewal premium is \$204,005.38. She explained that, based on the same insurance exposure as the prior year, the increase would be approximately 7.6%, or \$14,400. The increase is also affected by the addition of the Oakwood Street garage property, increased law enforcement and personnel exposure, and several claims, including litigation, vehicle, and roof claims. Ms. Lorence noted that the City's cybersecurity coverage remained relatively unchanged and that the City also maintains aviation/drone coverage.

Council discussed the increase and thanked Ms. Lorence for her work on the renewal.

There being no further comments or questions.

- Motion to waive three separate readings by Mr. Calfee, 2nd by Mr. Moskun- **All Ayes**
- Motion to adopt emergency clause by Mr. Calfee, 2nd by Ms. Moskun- **All Ayes**
- Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2026-130 by Mr. Calfee, 2nd by Mr. Marovich- **All Ayes**

Ordinance 2026-130 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-131 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE PORTAGE COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

Mr. Kairis explained that the resolution was removed from the consent agenda to ensure the individual votes and motions were accurately recorded.

Ms. Lorence stated that the resolution is a housekeeping matter to certify the City's property tax budget amounts and rates for the upcoming year and submit them as required. She noted there were no significant changes.

- Motion to waive three separate readings by Mr. Calfee, 2nd by Mr. Moskun- **All Ayes**
- Motion to pass Resolution No. 2026-131 by Ms. West, 2nd by Mr. Moskun- **All Ayes**

Resolution 2026-131 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-132 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A SALES ACQUISITION AND REHABILITATION OF 169 N. MERIDIAN STREET RAVENNA AGREEMENT , AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Kairis stated that the ordinance was not sponsored by a committee and was placed on the agenda after sufficient signatures were collected.

The Law Director explained that the City had filed an action in 2024 regarding the deteriorated property at 169 Meridian St., citing needed repairs to the roof, rock wall, garage, exterior, and landscaping. The owner had failed to make the required repairs, resulting in court-imposed fines of \$100 per day. As of September 1, approximately \$23,000 in fines had accrued.

Mr. Cimino explained that Ben Levenger, who had purchased and restored nearby properties, approached the City with a proposal to purchase the property and rehabilitate it. An agreement was developed requiring specified repairs and a \$20,000 escrow deposit, with \$10,000 from the purchaser and \$10,000 from the property owner. The escrow would be released as specified repairs were completed.

Mr. Cimino reported that the purchaser requested removal of the escrow requirement after learning that \$30,000 in grant funding had expired, although approximately \$70,000 remained available.

Mr. Finney stated that he had reviewed the proposed repair costs and believed the project was a good opportunity to preserve the property, which could otherwise face demolition if significant repairs were not completed soon. He noted that the roof had been leaking for more than a year and had caused damage to the upper floors.

Council discussed whether eliminating the escrow would provide sufficient accountability.

Ms. West supported retaining an escrow requirement, while Mr. Marovich suggested reducing the amount to reflect the reduction in grant funding.

Mr. Kairis noted that the original agreement had already been modified to accommodate the purchaser and that the escrow was tied to completion of the repairs rather than the grant funding.

Following discussion, Council amended the agreement to reduce the escrow from \$20,000 to \$14,000, with the related distributions adjusted accordingly.

- Motion to amend the ordinance to reduce the escrow from \$20,000 to \$14,000 by Mr. Marovich, 2nd by Ms. West- **All Ayes**

Council discussed the timing of the agreement, including the repair deadlines and the emergency clause.

Mr. Cimino noted that the agreement allows amendments in writing if agreed upon by both parties.

Mr. Kairis explained that the emergency clause would allow the ordinance to take effect immediately if approved.

- Motion to waive three separate readings by Ms. Laudato, 2nd by Mr. Moskun- **All Ayes**
- Motion to adopt emergency clause by Ms. Michael, 2nd by Ms. West- **All Ayes**
- Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2026-132 by Mr. Harper, 2nd by Mr. Moskun- **All Ayes**

Ordinance 2026-132 was adopted.

Second Reading of Ordinances:

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-114 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RAVENNA, PART 12 – PLANNING AND ZONING CODE – TITLE SIX – ZONING; CHAPTER 1266 – DISTRICTS GENERALLY AND ZONING MAP, SECTION 1266.03 – ZONING MAP BY REZONING PORTAGE COUNTY PARCEL NUMBER 31-349-04-00-250-000, 31-349-04-00-251-000, 31-349-04-00-252-000, 31-349-04-00-258-000, 31-349-04-00-260-000, 31-349-04-00-261-000, 31-349-04-00-223-000 AND 31-349-04-00-224-000 FROM R-4 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AND CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, TO C-1 COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, AS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT “A”.

Ms. Laudato explained that the ordinance would consolidate parcels associated with the Reed Memorial Library parking lot and rezone the remaining residential parcels to C-1, consistent with the existing C-1 parcels.

Mr. Kairis stated that the ordinance would remain on second reading and proceed to a third reading. He announced that a public hearing would be held September 21 at 6:30 p.m., or immediately following the Committee of the Whole meeting if it extended beyond 30 minutes. Mr. Kairis encouraged the public to attend and provide input on the proposed rezoning.

Ordinance 2026-114 was moved on to third reading.

Third Reading of Ordinances: None

Old Business- None

New Business- None

**President of Council Remarks-
Council Remarks**

Mr. Kairis reminded Council that an emergency management exercise would be conducted the following day. He expressed support for the exercise as an opportunity to prepare for potential emergencies and improve the City's response. Mr. Kairis noted that Council members were welcome to observe, but anyone actively participating would be expected to remain for the duration of the exercise.

Council Member Remarks

Mr. Harper- No Comment

Ms. Michael- No Comment

Mr. Marovich- No Comment

Mr. Calfee- No Comment

Mr. Moskun- Mr. Moskun suggested reviewing the City's existing codes and ordinances to identify provisions that cannot be effectively enforced due to manpower limitations. He recommended evaluating whether such provisions should be removed or revised to make them enforceable.

Ms. West- Ms. West reminded residents that the Ravenna Fire Department would hold a September 11th memorial service at 10:00 a.m. outside the fire department in remembrance of those lost and those who responded.

Ms. Laudato- Ms. Laudato announced that the Ad Hoc committee formed for Ravenna's redistricting would hold its first public meeting September 23 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Jenkins Room at Reed Memorial Library. A second meeting was scheduled for October 3 from noon to 1:00 p.m. She stated that the Clerk had prepared flyers to help publicize the meetings and encouraged residents to participate. Ms. Laudato also clarified that the library was only providing meeting space and was taking no position on the redistricting process.

Mayor's Remarks- Mayor Seman declined to make additional remarks.

Executive Session

Mr. Calfee moved to enter executive session to consider the appointment, promotion, and compensation of public employees; to confer with the City's attorney concerning pending or imminent court action; and to consider the purchase of property.

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Mr. Kairis advised the public that Council would not conduct any business following the executive session and that attendees were free to leave.

Mr. Kairis then stated that City Council would need to enter executive session to discuss pending legal matters.

- Motion to go into Executive Session at 8:06 pm by Mr. Calfee, 2nd by Ms. West - All Ayes

Council went into Executive Session to discuss pending.

- Motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:34 pm by Ms. Laudato, 2nd by Mr. Marovich- All Ayes

Adjourn to Monday, October 5, 2026

- Motion to adjourn at 9:35 pm by Mr. Marovich, 2nd Ms. Laudato- **All Ayes**

The next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 5, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Council President