Ravenna City Council
Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2026

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

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

Also attending the meeting: Mayor Frank Seman; Police Chief; Jake Smallfield; Service Director, Tim Contant; City Engineer; Bob Finney; Finance Director, Tami Lorence; Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor; Larry Silenius, Barbara Niemiller

The Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting was called to order at 7:25 P.M. by Chairperson, Christina West.

Ms. West explained that she was adding the JEDD agreement to the agenda. She explained that the materials identified businesses and parcels proposed for inclusion, with additions shown in bold.

Mayor Seman noted that changes to the JEDD are made annually by ordinance and require a public hearing with 30 days' notice. He said the goal was to bring the matter to a vote at the first regular Council meeting in December, after staff completed additional review. He also noted that the JEDD would allow the City to receive income tax revenue from new businesses and expressed surprise that the schools had joined.

Ms. West asked whether the matter could be moved forward to schedule a public hearing.

Mr. Kairis said it would be referred to Committee of the Whole, which would consider the required legislation.

The first item was Self-Storage Facilities.

Ms. West addressed the self-storage facility ordinance, explaining that the City intended to resubmit it after review by the Planning Commission.

Mr. Kairis said the original ordinance created a new code chapter and made self-storage facilities a conditional use in industrial districts, but had not completed the required Planning and Zoning Commission review and public hearing. He outlined a plan to restart the process, with Committee of the Whole considering the ordinance before referral for the required review and a later public hearing. Mr. Kairis said he did not believe another moratorium was necessary because an ordinance was already in effect, although its adoption process could be challenged.

Council agreed to allow the Planning Commission additional time to review the proposal, given its other scheduled work.

- The item was for moved forward.

Management Update
Mayor Seman reported that Karen Franklin had requested renaming a short alley near Mimi's in honor of her grandfather, Fred Crowe, who had lived nearby and worked as a contractor and landlord in Ravenna.
Ms. Michael and Mr. Marovich supported recognizing local history, while Mr. Calfee raised concern that renaming streets could create a precedent for similar requests.
Council members discussed the alley's location and noted that nearby properties did not appear to use it as their mailing address.
Mr. Finney suggested a memorial sign as an alternative to renaming the street.
Mayor Seman said he would follow up with Ms. Franklin and explore options.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

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Clerk of Council	**Christina West, Chairperson** **Community & Economic Development**