Ravenna City Council
Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2026

The public meeting was held in person in 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 Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting was called to order at 7:38 P.M. by Chairperson, Amy Michael.

The first item was Opioid Funds.
Ms. Michael presented two proposed uses for the City's opioid settlement funds. She recommended establishing a PARTA EasyGo account, initially funded with $300, so police could provide bus tickets to people needing transportation to shelters, services, or other communities. Ms. Michael explained that officers have recently assisted people traveling to places such as Youngstown, Warren, Solon, and Summit County, and that some officers have paid for transportation themselves.
Police Chief Smallfield confirmed that the proposal would be helpful, and Mr. Harper and Mr. Marovich expressed support.
Ms. Michael also proposed additional transportation funding for Access Family Services to help people released from jail return to their home communities or reach treatment services, including locations outside the area or state. She clarified that this would supplement, rather than duplicate, the City's existing jail-to-shelter transportation program. Ms. Michael said local police and businesses were facing increased challenges involving addiction and untreated mental health needs, but recent discussions with the new mental health board director had provided hope for improved resources.
Mr. Marovich noted that transportation for recovery services was an approved use of opioid settlement funds.
Mr. Harper recommended a reimbursement process with monthly reporting, and Mayor Seman emphasized the need for documentation showing how the funds were spent.
Ms. Michael agreed to coordinate with the Finance Director and the Mayor on a process that would not create unnecessary administrative work.
Ms. Lorence suggested establishing a separate account for Chief Smallfield's use.
Mr. Moskun supported the proposals, citing numerous incidents in which people needed transportation to destinations many miles away.
Council members asked Ms. Michael to provide proposed funding amounts for legislation at the next meeting. She said she would return with details and confirmed the initial $300 request for the PARTA account.

- The item was moved forward.

Ms. Michael then congratulated Chief Smallfield on his induction into the Ravenna Hall of Fame.

Management Update

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council	**Amy Michael, Chairperson** **Public Health and Safety Committee**