Ravenna City Council
Streets & Sidewalks Committee Meeting Minutes
October 13, 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, 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 Streets & Sidewalks Committee Meeting was called to order at 7:55 P.M. by Matt Harper.

The first item was a purchase of a new Vehicle for the Service Director/City Hall.
Mr. Harper presented a proposal to purchase a replacement vehicle for the Service Director. He explained that the City's 2011 vehicle is used by the Service Director, Clerk of Council and other employees for meetings, conferences, and other work-related travel, but is no longer suitable for highway driving. The current vehicle would be transferred to the Engineering Department rather than traded in.
Mr. Contant said the state-bid purchase price from Sarcione was $37,589, below the estimated $40,000, and less than the Sourcewell price, which included a transportation fee.
Mr. Contant and Mr. Harper confirmed that the new vehicle would receive City of Ravenna identification.
Mr. Harper noted that funds had already been appropriated, and the committee agreed to move the purchase forward.

- The item was moved forward.

The second item was Participatory Legislature agreeing to pay our share for ODOT to pave SR14 in city limits.
Mr. Harper presented the City's share of an ODOT project to pave a section of State Route 14 and complete bridge work over the bike trail.
Mr. Finney explained that the City's estimated share was approximately $200,000, including about $145,000 for pavement repairs, to be paid from the paving budget.
Mr. Moskun supported moving the project forward.
Mr. Finney provided an update on the traffic signal study at State Routes 14 and 88. ODOT had approved dedicated northbound and southbound turn arrows, along with an upgrade to the signal's dilemma-zone radar units, which can extend the signal timing when approaching traffic is detected. Mr. Finney said the City was seeking ODOT Highway Safety funding for a project

estimated at approximately $600,000, potentially covering the full project cost, while the City would pay the engineering fee.
Mr. Calfee supported the dedicated turn arrows, noting that the curve and opposing traffic make left turns difficult to judge.
Mr. Finney also reported that a roundabout at State Route 14 and Infirmary Road remained under consideration, and that ODOT was discussing changes to South Chestnut Street at Loomis Parkway to reduce the number of lanes near the hospital. He noted that several transportation projects were being planned or funded, including Main Street widening, South Sycamore Street improvements, and continued sidewalk work.
Mr. Harper noted that railroad crossing gates had been installed on Chestnut Street and Day Street for trains serving the box plant.

- The item was moved forward.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council	**Matt Harper, Committee Chair** **Streets & Sidewalks Committee**