**Ravenna City Council**
**Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes**
**October 13, 2026**

**The public meeting was held 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

**Utility Committee Meeting was called to order at 8:05 P.M. by Council member, Carmen Laudato.**

**The first item was to a contract with Fiorrito Construction, LLC.**
Mr. Moskun discussed the contract with Fiorito Construction for storm infrastructure improvements, which will be funded through stormwater funding rather than the paving levy as incorrectly indicated on the tracking sheet.
Mr. Finney reported that Fiorito Construction submitted the low bid of slightly over $90,000, compared to the engineer's estimate of $132,000 and the second-low bid of nearly $130,000. The Board of Control agreed to award the contract to Fiorrito Construction.

- The item was moved forward.

**The second item was an application for the North Ave. & Cedar Ave. project.**
Mr. Moskun reviewed the application for the North Avenue and Cedar Avenue stormwater project.
Mr. Finney anticipated construction beginning in the summer of 2027, with Cedar Avenue improvements extending from Freedom Street to Linden Street and improvements also planned for North Avenue. He reported that the approximately $800,000 project would be funded through a combination of 50% local funding, a $250,000 grant, and a $150,000 zero-interest loan payable over 20 years. The project also includes sidewalk improvements. Mr. Finney noted that the City has scored well through the Ohio Public Works Commission funding process.

- The item was moved forward.

**The third item was a proposal from MS Consultants to model the Wastewater Treatment Plant.**
The committee next discussed a proposal from MS Consultants for sanitary sewer system modeling to identify flooding concerns, evaluate system improvements, and assist with securing grant funding for improvements to the Chestnut Street Lift Station.

Mr. Moskun emphasized the importance of addressing the project before the existing system experiences significant problems.
Ms. Michael asked whether the lift station was in danger of failing, and Mr. Moskun clarified that it was not currently in danger but that delaying improvements could create future concerns.
Mr. Finney explained that modeling the existing sanitary sewer system would help identify bottlenecks, inefficient sewer lines, and potential improvements to move wastewater more efficiently. The analysis could also help identify areas susceptible to basement flooding and support a FEMA grant application. Mr. Finney clarified that the modeling would not eliminate the need for the planned Chestnut Street Lift Station improvements but could identify interim improvements that would benefit residents while helping determine the best locations for future infrastructure investments.
Mr. Kairis and Mr. Marovich discussed the purpose of the modeling and its potential benefits.

- The item was moved forward.

**The fourth item was a scope of services from Burgess & Niple.**
The final item was the scope of services agreement with Burgess & Niple for wastewater treatment plant planning and future improvements. Mr. Moskun explained that the work would help the City evaluate necessary renovations and upgrades to maintain the plant's operations for years to come. Mr. Finney reported that the agreement had been reviewed internally and that the proposed cost of approximately $520,000 was lower than anticipated. He explained that engineering fees are generally estimated at 12% to 15% of construction costs and that the City's anticipated wastewater improvements could total approximately $30 million. The agreement covers the planning portion of the project.
Tim Calfee asked about the negotiated fee and the extensive scope of services, which includes meetings and detailed flow analyses. Mr. Finney expressed confidence in the firm's qualifications and the value of its work. Mr. Kairis clarified that the agreement was the remaining component needed for Council to act on an ordinance that had already received its first reading. Ms. Laudato asked for Finance Director Tami Lorence's assessment of the $520,000 cost. Ms. Lorence explained that the original estimate had been approximately $1.125 million, making the negotiated amount favorable.
Mr. Finney further explained that he had applied for a loan and was awaiting approval. As with the Chestnut Street Lift Station project, the City would initially pay the consultant and seek reimbursement through the loan once approved. Ms. Lorence would need to appropriate the funds as invoices were received.

- The item was moved forward.

**Management**

**There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.**
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| **Clerk of Council** | **Paul Moskun, Chairperson** |

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