



**Ravenna City Council
Special Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2025**

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

The Special Meeting of Ravenna City Council was called to order by Council President, Rob Kairis at 5:45pm.

Council present: Council President Rob Kairis, Amy Michael, Christina West, Paul Moskun, Tim Calfee, Cheryl Wood

Also in attendance: Police Chief, Jake Smallfield; Service Director, Tim Contant, Finance Director, Tami Lorence, City Engineer, Bob Finney; Controller, Brian Huff; Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor, Larry Silenius, Cliff Soudil, Cynthia Miller, Barbara Niemiller

- Motion to excuse Mr. Moskun and Mr. Marovich by Ms. Wood, 2nd Ms. West- **All Ayes**

Mr. Moskun was able to attend the meeting at 5:56 pm.

The Clerk read the Call for the Special Council meeting stating the purpose of the meeting is to discuss and/or act upon a new liquor permit for 106 E. Main St and Ordinance 2025-062 repealing Ordinance 2025-060 and signing a contract with Archer Energy, LLC.

Mr. Kairis called the meeting to order and stated that the first agenda item addressed a new liquor permit application from Friends Brews and Burgers LLC, located at the former 1888 Tavern. He explained the distinctions among permit types, noting that this was a new permit rather than a TREX transfer. Mr. Kairis emphasized that, unlike TREX permits, the city cannot deny standard permits but may request a hearing under specific conditions.

Ms. Michael confirmed that the Police Department had completed a background check on the applicant, and no issues were found.

Mr. Kairis reiterated the importance of Council's right to ask questions while clarifying that the Department of Liquor Control handles most background checks and licensing logistics.

Mr. Calfee raised questions about the number of liquor licenses permitted in Ravenna and whether this new application would exceed the city's quota.

Ms. Wood and Mr. Finney clarified that several licenses remain available, particularly within the entertainment district, and that different license types exist for varying establishments.

Interim Police Chief Smallfield added that certain licenses, like C1, are population-based, at a ratio of one per 1,000 residents.

After discussion, Council voted unanimously not to request a hearing for the liquor permit, and the Clerk was instructed to communicate that decision to the Department of Liquor Control.

- Motion to not request a hearing for the liquor permit request at 106 E. Main St. Ms. Wood, 2nd Ms. Michael- **All Ayes**

The second item was Ordinance 2025-62, which repeals Ordinance 2025-60 and approves a revised contract with Archer Energy LLC to reflect a new start date of August 2025, running through March 2027.

Mr. Kairis explained the only change was the contract start date.

There being no further comments or questions.

- Motion to waive three separate readings by Ms. West, 2nd by Ms. Wood- **All Ayes**
- Motion to adopt emergency clause by Ms. West, 2nd by Mr. Moskun- **All Ayes**
- Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2025-062 by Mr. Harper, 2nd Ms. Wood- **All Ayes**

Ordinance 2025-062 was adopted.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

- Motion to adjourn at 5:58 pm by Ms. West, 2nd Mr. Marovich- **All Ayes**

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ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Council President