

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, June 12th, 2013, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. George Zawislak at 6:03 PM.

Members Present

Mr. George Zawislak, Chairman
Mr. Fred Lierman, Vice Chairman
Mr. Dock Ward
Mr. Leland Carlson
Mr. Gregg Wilson, Transportation, School District 205
Mr. Vince McLean, Rockford Mass Transit District
Mr. Gary McIntyre, Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Mr. Todd Cagnoni, Community Development Department
Mr. Jeremy Carter, Public Works Department

Members Absent

Alderman John Beck, 12th Ward
Lieutenant Christine Bishop, Rockford Police Department
Mr. Mark Marinaro, Rockford Fire Department

Also Present

Mrs. Andrea Hinricks, 5535 Providence Forge, 61114
Ms. Linda Niemiec, Crusader Community Health
Mr. Stewart Davis, 107 Hall Street, 61107

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on May 8, 2013, were approved as submitted.

The Traffic Commission recommended the following items:

1. Request in the 3th Ward from Andrea Hindricks, 429 Welty Ave, 61103 to change “No Parking Anytime” restriction on the east side of Welty Avenue from Jackson Street to 50 feet south of Jackson Street and replace with a “No Parking Anytime” restriction on the east side of Welty Avenue from Jackson Street to 35 feet south of Jackson Street. (Mrs. Hinricks discussed that she owns the property at the corner and there is no place to park. Commission discussed that removing parking restriction on 15 feet should not affect traffic safety of corner clearance. Commission recommended changing “No Parking Anytime” restriction on the east side of Welty Avenue from Jackson Street to 50 feet south of Jackson Street and replace with a “No Parking Anytime” restriction on the east side of Welty Avenue from Jackson Street to 35 feet south of Jackson Street. Motion by L. Carlson, seconded by F. Lierman. Voted 8-0)

2. Request in the 11th Ward from Crusader Community Health Clinic, 1100 Broadway, 61104, to repeal the existing “2 hour” parking for 30 spaces in Municipal Parking Lot F

- and replace with “3 hour” parking for 30 spaces in Municipal Parking lot F. (Ms. Niemier discussed that Crusader Health is requesting this so that patients who have appointments longer than 2 hour will not get tickets. Commission discussed that the parking lot is underused and has capacity for this change. Commission recommended repealing the existing “2 hour” parking for 30 spaces in Municipal Parking Lot F and replace with “3 hour” parking for 30 spaces in Municipal Parking Lot F. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by G. McIntyre. Voted 8-0)
3. Request in the 3rd Ward from Brian Endl, 107 Hall Street, 61101 to establish residential permit parking on Hall Street between State Street and Jefferson Street. (Mr. Davis discussed that he lives and works on Hall Street and moving his car every two hours is difficult. Commission discussed that it received a letter asking for the residential parking to be established north of Jefferson Street. Commission recommended establishing “Residential Parking Permitted” on Hall Street from Jefferson Street to Sixth Street. (Motion by J. Carter, seconded by T. Cagnoni. Voted 7-0 G. McIntyre abstained)
 4. Request in the 3rd Ward from City staff to repeal the existing “Permit Only” parking restriction for 13 spaces in Municipal Parking Lot TT on Water Street and replace with “2 hour” parking for 13 spaces in Municipal Parking Lot TT on Water Street. (J. Carter discussed that the parking Lot currently has 15 permit parking spaces and only 1 permit sold, and that local businesses in the area have asked for it to be changed for customers and clients. (Commission recommended repealing the existing “Permit Only” parking restriction for 13 spaces in Municipal Parking Lot TT on Water Street and replace with “2 hour” parking for 13 spaces in Municipal Parking Lot TT on Water Street. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by G. McIntyre. Voted 8-0)
 5. Request in the 5th Ward from City staff to repeal the “No Parking Anytime” restriction on the south side of Kent Street from Main Street west to N/S alley.
 6. Request in the 5th Ward from City staff to repeal the “ No Parking 7 am – 8 pm” restriction on the south side of Kent Street from the N/S alley west of Main Street to 75 feet west of N/S alley.
 7. Request in the 5th Ward from City staff to repeal the” 2 Hour 8 am – 5 pm” parking restriction on the south side of Morgan Street from Rock Street to Main Street and replace with “No Parking Anytime” on the south side of Morgan Street from Rock Street to Main Street.
 8. Request in the 5th Ward from City staff to repeal the “2 Hour” parking restriction on both sides of Loomis Street from Main Street to Court Street.
 9. Request in the 5th Ward from City staff to repeal the “2 Hour” parking restriction on south side of Montague Street from 150 feet west of Main Street to Court Street.
 10. Request in the 5th Ward from City staff to repeal the “2 Hour” parking restriction on the south side of Montague Street from Rock Street to 100 feet east of Main St.
 11. Request in the 5th Ward from City staff to repeal the “No Parking Anytime” restriction on the south side of Montague Street from Main Street to 100 feet east of Main Street.

12. Request in the 5th Ward from City staff to repeal the “No Parking 3 pm – 6 pm” restriction on the north side of Montague Street from Rock Street to Main Street.

(J. Carter stated these requests were all around South Main Street, which recently had a NPAT restriction placed on it at the request of IDOT. Commission discussed that most of these restrictions had been in place since the 1950’s and were now obsolete. Commission recommended approval of all 8 requests. Motion by J. Carter, seconded by D. Ward. Voted 8-0)

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 PM. Motion by J. Carter, seconded by F. Lierman

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

July 10, 2013 6:00 PM.

Rockford City Hall
425 East State Street
2nd floor, Conference Room A

Respectfully submitted,
Jeremy Carter
Recording Secretary