

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, September 11th, 2013, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. George Zawislak at 6:02 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. Mark Marinaro, Rockford Fire Department  
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, 12<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Officer William Jacobson, Rockford Police Department

**Also Present**

Ms. Mary Beaver, 923 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, 61104  
Mr. Doug Patton, 923 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, 61104  
Alderman Thomas McNamara, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward  
Mr. Timothy Hinkens, Public Works Department

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on August 14, 2013, were approved as submitted.

**The Traffic Commission recommended the following items:**

1. Request from Alderman McNamara, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward to establish a “No Left Turn 7 am – 9 am and 4 pm – 6 pm” for westbound traffic on Highcrest Road at the intersection of Highcrest Road and Chelsea Avenue. (J. Carter explained staff has misunderstood request and the request was to limit left turns from Chelsea Avenue onto Highcrest Road. Ald. McNamara discussed he has concerns about cars turning left off of Chelsea Avenue onto Highcrest Road. He stated one person turning left could keep many people from being able to turn right. Commission discussed that based on traffic during certain hours left turns cause delays due to lack of gaps on Highcrest Avenue. Commission recommended establishing “No Left Turn 7 am – 9 am and 4 pm – 6 pm Monday through Friday” for northbound traffic on Chelsea Avenue at the intersection Highcrest Road and Chelsea Avenue. Motion by G. McIntyre, seconded by T. Cagnoni. Voted 9-0)

2. Request from Alderman Getchius, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward, to establish stop control for 17<sup>th</sup> Street to stop for 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue at the intersection of 17<sup>th</sup> Street and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue. (Commission discussed that the intersection has three accidents in a short time in 2010. Commission discussed that the east leg had a significant slope downhill and sight obstructions of north and south bound traffic. Commission recommended establishing stop control of 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue stopping for 17<sup>th</sup> Street at the intersection of 17<sup>th</sup> Street and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Motion by G. McIntyre, seconded by J. Carter. Voted 9-0)
  
3. Request from Alderman Chiarelli, 14<sup>th</sup> Ward to prohibit commercial vehicles on Arnold Avenue from E. State Street to Newburg Road. (Commission discussed Arnold Avenue was a thru street and therefore a truck route by ordinance. Commission discussed that Arnold was residential south of a few commercial business on State Street. Commission recommended prohibiting commercial vehicles on Arnold Avenue from Midvale Drive to Newburg Road. Motion by J. Carter G. McIntyre, seconded by L. Carlson. Voted 9-0)

**The Traffic Commission recommended taking “No Action” on the following items:**

1. Request in the 11<sup>th</sup> Ward from Mary Beaver of JL Clark, 923 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave, 61104 to establish an all-way stop at the intersection for S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street and 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. (Laid Over August Traffic Commission) Commission discussed that the item was previously laid over due to questions about accidents at the intersection. J. Carter discussed that searches of the accident database yielded no new accidents. J. Carter stated that pedestrian crossing striping would be done at the intersection. Commission discussed that the major leg was already stopped at the intersection and stopping the minor leg would not increase traffic safety if the intersection was used properly. Commission recommended No Action. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by D. Ward. Voted 9-1).

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 PM. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by J. Carter

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

**October 9, 2013 6:00 PM.**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeremy Carter  
Recording Secretary