

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, March 12, 2014, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. George Zawislak at 6:00 PM.

Members Present

Mr. George Zawislak, Chairman
Mr. Fred Lierman, Vice Chairman
Mr. Dock Ward
Mr. Vince McLean, Rockford Mass Transit District
Mr. Colin Belle, Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Mr. Tim Morris, Rockford Fire Department
Lieutenant Patrick Hoey, Rockford Police Department
Mr. Thaddeus Mack, Community Development Department
Mr. Jeremy Carter, Public Works Department

Members Absent

Mr. Leland Carlson
Mr. Gregg Wilson, Transportation, School District 205
Alderman John Beck, 12th Ward

Also Present

Ms. Maria Mendia, 3534 Normandy Ave, 61103
Mrs. Katy Gregg, 3536 Normandy Ave, 61103
Mrs. Maggie Williams, 514 Chestnut St, 61102
Alderman Linda McNeely, 13th Ward
Mr. Timothy Hinkens, Public Works Department

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on February 12, 2014 were approved as submitted.

The Traffic Commission recommended the following items:

1. Request in the 13th Ward, from Mrs. Maggie Williams, 516 W Chestnut Street, 61102, to establish residential parking in the parking deck located at 200 South Church. (Mrs. Williams discussed that that she is unable to park in front of her apartment and had worked with City Staff on the idea to allow residential parking in concourse. J.Carter discussed that this was a more preferred location than other areas for residential parking. Commission recommended establishing 4 residential parking spaces in the parking deck located at 200 South Church. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by D. Ward. Voted 9-0)

2. Request in the 14th Ward, from Alderman Joseph Chiarelli, to establish “No Parking Any Time” on one side of Mayflower Avenue. (Commission discussed that with snow and cars parked on both sides it may be difficult for first responders to pass. Commission discussed that more surveyed residents preferred no parking on the south side of the road. Commission recommended establishing No Parking Anytime parking restrictions on the south side of Mayflower Avenue from Alpine Road to New England Drive. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by D. Ward. Voted 9-0)

3. Request in the 12th Ward, by City staff to establish Commercial Loading Zone parking restriction on the west side Edson Street from 75 feet north of Willoughby Avenue to 150 feet north of Willoughby Avenue, thus repealing “No Parking Anytime” parking restriction. (J. Carter discussed as part of North Main reconstruction project some the property will be reconfigured and the property owner had asked to had deliveries done off of Edson Avenue behind the business. Commission discussed that the west side of the road was no parking anytime and with commercial parking there would only be parking for 30 minutes when the delivery was made. Commission recommended establishing a Commercial Loading Zone parking restriction on the west side Edson Street from 75 feet north of Willoughby Avenue to 150 feet north of Willoughby Avenue, thus repealing “No Parking Anytime” parking restriction. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by J. Carter. Voted 9-0)

4. Request in the 5th Ward, from ComEd to establish all way stop at the intersection of Magnolia Street and Energy Avenue. (Commission discussed that the intersection was made up of two private driveways and two legs are public roadways. Commission discussed that the intersection was currently a three way stop. Commission recommended establishing all way stop at the intersection of Magnolia Street and Energy Avenue. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by J. Carter. Voted 9-0)

The Traffic Commission laid over the following items:

1. Request in the 12th Ward, from Mrs. Katie Gregg, 3536 Normandy Avenue, 61103, to repeal the “No Parking Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.” parking restriction on the west side of Normandy Avenue from Belmont Boulevard to River Bluff Boulevard, thus restoring unrestricted parking. (Mrs. Gregg and Ms. Mendia discussed their hardships with crossing the roadway due to traffic and snow. Mrs. Gregg presented a petition signed by people from the apartment building on the east side of Normandy Avenue. J. Carter stated he would like to lay the item over again because city staff had not be able to finalize a plan for consolidating mailbox locations per the request of the commission the previous month. Commission laid item over so staff could continue to coordinate with US Post Office.)

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by D. Ward.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

April 9, 2014 6:00 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jeremy Carter
Recording Secretary