

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, June 11, 2014, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Mr. Fred Lierman at 6:00 PM.

Members Present

Mr. Fred Lierman, Vice Chairman
Mr. Leland Carlson
Mr. Dock Ward
Mr. Gregg Wilson, Transportation, School District 205
Mr. Colin Belle, Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Division Chief Matt Knott, Rockford Fire Department
Mr. Scott Capovilla, Community Development Department
Mr. Jeremy Carter, Public Works Department

Members Absent

Mr. George Zawislak, Chairman
Mr. Vince McLean, Rockford Mass Transit District
Lieutenant Patrick Hoey, Rockford Police Department
Alderman John Beck, 12th Ward

Also Present

Alderman Thomas McNamara, 3rd Ward
Mr. Timothy Hinkens, Public Works Department

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on May 14, 2014 were approved as submitted.

The Traffic Commission recommended the following items:

1. Request in the 3rd Ward, from Alderman Thomas McNamara, to establish “No Parking Anytime” on one side of Kings Highway. (*Laid Over from February Traffic Commission Meeting*). (Alderman McNamara spoke about walking the neighborhood and discussed the final votes for which side to place the parking restriction. He stated that the majority of those responding the survey wanted the restriction on the west side. Commission recommended establishing a "No Parking Anytime" parking restriction on the west side of King Highway from Highcrest Road to Alta Vista Road. Motion by J. Carter, seconded by D. Ward. Voted 7-0)
2. Request in the 3rd Ward, from Trinity Lutheran Church, to establish a “Passenger Loading Zone” on the west side of 1st Street from Market Street to 120 feet north of Market Street. (Alderman McNamara discussed Trinity Church's request was due to wanting nearby passenger drop off for funerals and church services that would not be blocked by parking. J. Carter discussed possible future parking requests in the area and changes parking in the area. Alderman McNamara asked to possible change the parking to two spaces near the crosswalk. Commission recommended establishing "Passenger

Loading" restriction on the west side of 1st Street from 80 feet north of Market Street to 120 feet north of Market Street. Motion by J. Carter, seconded by L. Carlson. Voted 7-0)

3. Request in the 3rd Ward, by Alderman Thomas McNamara, to repeal the existing "No Parking Anytime" parking restriction on the west side of Madison Street from Market Street to 75 feet south of Market Street, thus restoring unrestricted parking 3 hour parking. (J. Carter discussed that the item that was originally approved however staff had misunderstood the request and the Alderman would like the original parking restriction restored. Commission recommended reestablishing the previous 2hour parking west side of Madison Street from Market Street to 85 feet south of Market Street. Motion by J. Carter, seconded by G. Wilson. Voted 7-0)

The Traffic Commission recommended taking "No Action" on the following items:

1. Request in the 3rd Ward, by Alderman Thomas McNamara, to establish an all way stop at the intersection of Chelsea Avenue and Brendenwood Road, thus repealing the existing traffic control of Brendenwood Road stopping for Chelsea Avenue. (Alderman McNamara discussed that this request had come from the neighborhood and they wanted for way stop to control speed on Chelsea Avenue. Commission discussed that stops signs are not used control speed. Commission discussed that there is an accident history but no sight obstructions and a 4 to 1 split of vehicles on Chelsea Avenue. Commission discussed that all accident were fault of drivers not stopping at Chelsea Avenue while on Brendenwood Road, and four way stop would probably not help accidents. Alderman McNamara asked what could be done about speeding and asked that the minutes official request speed enforcement along the roadway. Commission recommended No Action, but officially asks the Police Department to consider enforcement on the roadway. Motion by J. Carter, seconded by D. Ward. Voted 7-0).

The Traffic Commission laid over the following items:

1. Request in the 5th Ward, from Alderman Hervey, to establish "No Parking Any Time" parking restriction on the west side of Christina Street from 18th Avenue to Blackhawk Park Avenue. (G. Wilson express he had not had a chance to meet on site with Alderman Hervey and felt the Commission should lay the item over. Commission laid item over until July meeting.)

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM. Motion by L. Carlson, seconded by J. Carter.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

July 9, 2014 6:00 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jeremy Carter
Recording Secretary