

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, July 9, 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. Leland Carlson  
Mr. Dock Ward  
Alderman Teena Newburg, 9<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Lieutenant Richard Devlieger, Rockford Police Department  
Mr. Gregg Wilson, Transportation, School District 205  
Mr. Vince McLean, Rockford Mass Transit District  
Mr. Colin Belle, Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning  
Mr. Scott Capovilla, Community Development Department  
Mr. Timothy Hinkens, Public Works Department

**Members Absent**

Mr. Tim Morris, Rockford Fire Department

**Also Present**

Mr. Steve Kudzma, PCI Packaging  
Mr. Thom Corirossi, PCI Packaging  
Mr. Russell Stevens, PCI Packaging

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on June 11, 2014 were approved as submitted.

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

1. Request in the 6th Ward, by PCI Packaging, 4545 Assembly Drive, to install two mid-block crossings on Assembly Drive 725 feet south of Research Parkway and 925 feet south of Research Parkway. (Representatives from PCI Packaging spoke about the need for mid-block crossings to provide a safe connection between their two business entrances. They stated that there is a high volume of traffic travelling on Assembly Drive at high speeds and they wanted safe, designated places for employees and visitors to cross the street for the locations connecting the west side's overflow parking and the front entrance to the east side's building entrance. PCI Packaging agreed to the condition that, if approved, they would be responsible for constructing a concrete sidewalk to allow for an ADA compliant accessible path connecting to the existing sidewalk on either side of Assembly Drive. Commission recommended to install two mid-block crossings on Assembly Drive 725 feet south of Research Parkway and 925 feet south of Research Parkway. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by L. Carlson. Voted 10-0)

2. Request in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward, by Larry Sheets of Bennie's Cleaners, 126 N 1<sup>st</sup> Street, to establish 15 minute parking on the west side of 1<sup>st</sup> Street from 100 feet south of Market Street to 140 feet south of Market Street. (T. Hinkens discussed that this item was brought in front of the Commission by Bennie's Cleaners to move the existing 15-minute parking space to be closer to their entrance and allow for one additional 15-minute parking space. Commission discussed that the additional space would replace an existing 2-hour parking space. Commission recommended establishing 15 minute parking on the west side of 1<sup>st</sup> Street from 100 feet south of Market Street to 140 feet south of Market Street. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by G. Wilson. Voted 10-0)
3. Request in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward, by Larry Sheets of Bennie's Cleaners, 126 N 1<sup>st</sup> Street, to repeal existing 15 minute parking on the west side of 1<sup>st</sup> Street from 175 feet north of State Street to 195 feet north of State Street. (T. Hinkens discussed that this item was brought in front of the Commission by Bennie's Cleaners to move the existing 15-minute parking space to be closer to their entrance. Commission recommended to repeal existing 15 minute parking on the west side of 1<sup>st</sup> Street from 175 feet north of State Street to 195 feet north of State Street. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by G. Wilson. Voted 10-0)

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

1. Request in the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward, from Alderman Venita Hervey, to establish “No Parking Any Time” parking restriction on the west side of Christina Street from 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Blackhawk Park Avenue. (*Laid Over from June Traffic Commission Meeting*) (G Wilson stated that after multiple attempts to contact the family from which the complaint originated, he spoke with Alderman Hervey and discussed the school district's parking needs. G. Wilson stated that the on-street parking in this area is needed and used by the school district's employees. Christina Street was recently patched to address some of the roadway maintenance concerns. He assured that the school district plows the entire width of Christina Street as well as the entire adjacent parking lot. Therefore, the school district would like to see Christina Street continue to have parking along Christina Street. Commission recommended taking no action. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by S. Capovilla. Voted 10-0)
2. Request in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wards, by Sengla Mangmanivong, to establish an all way stop at the intersection of Greenwood Avenue and Summit Street, thus repealing the existing traffic control of Greenwood Avenue stopping for Summit Street. (Committee discussed that there has been just 1 accident in the past 4 years at this intersection, Summit Street is considered a through street and the ratio of Summit Street traffic versus Greenwood traffic is high and this intersection. Commission recommended taking no action. Motion by L. Carlson, seconded by F. Lierman. Voted 10-0)

**The Traffic Commission laid over the following items:**

1. Request in the 10<sup>th</sup> Ward, by Alderman Franklin Beach and Palmwood Neighborhood Group, to establish an all way stop at the intersection of Greenwood Avenue and Westchester Avenue, thus repealing the existing traffic control of Greenwood Avenue stopping for Westchester Avenue. (T. Hinkens stated that Alderman Beach would like to lay this item over until next month to discuss further with Palmwood Neighborhood. Commission laid item over until August meeting.)
2. Request in the 10<sup>th</sup> Ward, by Alderman Franklin Beach and Palmwood Neighborhood Group, to establish an all way stop at the intersection of Greenwood Avenue and Roland Avenue, thus repealing the existing traffic control of Greenwood Avenue stopping for Roland Avenue. (T. Hinkens stated that Alderman Beach would like to lay this item over until next month to discuss further with Palmwood Neighborhood. Commission laid item over until August meeting.)

**The Traffic Commission elected the officers for the 2014 – 2015 Rockford Traffic Commission and nominated the following:**

1. Chairman Nominee – Leland Carlson  
(Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by T. Hinkens. Vote 11-0).
2. Vice Chairman Nominee – George Zawislak  
(Motion by D. Ward, seconded by G Wilson. Vote 11-0).

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 PM. Motion by C. Belle, seconded by F. Lierman.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

**August 13, 2014 6:00 PM.**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Timothy Hinkens  
Recording Secretary