

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, February 11, 2015, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. Leland Carlson at 6:00 PM.

Members Present

Mr. Leland Carlson, Chairman
Mr. George Zawislak, Vice Chairman
Mr. Fred Lierman
Mr. Dock Ward
Alderman Teena Newburg, 9th Ward
Mr. Gregg Wilson, Transportation, School District 205
Mr. Vince McLean, Rockford Mass Transit District
Mr. Colin Belle, Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Sergeant Mark Jacobi, Rockford Police Department
Mr. Scott Capovilla, Community Development Department
Mr. Jeremy Carter, Public Works Department

Members Absent

Mr. Tim Morris, Rockford Fire Department

Also Present

Mr. Tim Hinkens, Public Works Department
Mr. Dan Conness, Rockford Township Highway Commissioner
Ms. Amy Miles-Bowman, 3520 N Main Street, 61103
Mr. Ryan Kilgore, 3520 N. Main Street, 61103
Mr. Sunil Puri, 5260 Guilford Road, 61107

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on January 14, 2015 were approved as submitted.

The Traffic Commission recommended the following items:

1. Request in the 10th Ward, from Rockford Township and City Staff to reduce the speed limit on Guilford Road from Alpine Road to Mulford Road from 40mph to 35mph. (Mr. Conness discussed history of the request, including the County preparing a speed study and that the speed reduction request had been in the process prior to the recent double fatality accident on the roadway. Mr. Puri discussed his support of the speed reduction and also had other concerns that City Staff said they would look into. Commission discussed the width of the roadway and the recent fatal crashes along the roadway. Commission recommended reducing the speed limit on Guilford Road from Alpine Road to Mulford Road from 40 mph to 35 mph. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by J. Carter. Voted 10-0)

2. Request in the 3rd Ward, from Deli Italia, 507 East State Street, and Alderman John Beck, 12th Ward, to establish one handicap parking space on the south side of East State Street, between 2nd Street and 3rd Street. (J. Carter discussed that there was no on-street handicap spaces in this block and the nearest were in parking lots at the end of the block and across 2nd Street. Ald. Newburg recommended placing the space closest to 2nd Street. Commission recommended establishing a handicap parking space on the south side of East State Street from 35 feet east of 2nd Street to 55 feet east of 2nd 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 6th Ward, from Gregory Raffery, 603 Kennon Road, to establish traffic control at the intersection of Kennon Road and Foley Street. (Commission discussed report of an accident that required extrication near the intersection and that per police reports the accident was a fixed object crash and would more than likely not be prevented by traffic control. Commission discussed low accident history and low traffic volume. Commission discussed that intersection had clear sight lines. Commission recommended taking no action. Motion by D. Ward, seconded by V. McLean. Voted 10-0)

The Traffic Commission laid over the following items:

1. Request in the 14th Ward, from Alderman Joseph Chiarelli, to establish “No Parking Any Time” parking restriction on the east side of Apple Tree Lane from Pembroke Place to north to end of road. (J. Carter discussed that the Alderman had been unable to reach the original requestor and based on this fact City Staff was asking the item to be indefinitely laid over rather than making decision one way or another which would require a 6 month period before reconsideration. Ms. Miles-Bowman asked that she be notified if the item is reconsidered in the future. Commission laid item over indefinitely.)

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM. Motion by G. Zawislak, seconded by F. Lierman.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

March 11, 2015 6:00 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jeremy A. Carter, P.E.
Recording Secretary