

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, June 10, 2015, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. Leland Carlson at 6:02 PM.

**Members Present**

Mr. Leland Carlson, Chairman  
Mr. George Zawislak, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Fred Lierman  
Mr. Vince McLean, Rockford Mass Transit District  
Mr. Mike Rotolo, Rockford Fire Department  
Mr. Scott Capovilla, Community Development Department  
Mr. Jeremy Carter, Public Works Department

**Members Absent**

Mr. Dock Ward  
Mr. Gregg Wilson, Transportation, School District 205  
Mr. Colin Belle, Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning  
Sergeant Mark Jacobi, Rockford Police Department  
Alderman Teena Newburg, 9<sup>th</sup> Ward

**Also Present**

Mr. Peter Parlow, 3038 10<sup>th</sup> St, 61109  
Ms. Laurie Schultz, 213 N Racine, Chicago, IL 60607  
Mr. Tim Hinkens, Public Works Department

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on May 13, 2015 were approved as submitted.

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

1. Request in the 6<sup>th</sup> Ward, by Peter Parlow, 3038 10<sup>th</sup> Street, to establish traffic control at the intersection of 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Barnum Road. (Mr. Parlow discussed there have been accidents at the intersection and there is speeding along the roads. Commission discussed there had been 6 accident at the intersection since 2010 with 3 since 2012. Commission recommended establishing traffic control of 10<sup>th</sup> Street yielding to Barnum Road. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by G. Zawislak. Voted 6-0)
2. Request in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward, by Laurie Schultz with Oak Street Health to establish a loading zone parking restriction on Madison Street from 60 feet south of State Street to 80 feet south of State Street. (Ms. Schultz stated that her company was opening a medical clinic near Madison Street and State Street and the request was for loading zone for a van that picks up patients. J. Carter stated staff had work with Ms. Schultz and supported the request. Commission recommended establishing a loading zone parking restriction on Madison Street from 60 feet south of State Street to 80 feet south of State Street. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by V. McLean. Voted 6-0)

3. Request in the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward, by Kirt Hedberg, 121 Loomis Street, to establish “No Parking Any Time” restriction on the west side of Buchanan Street from 85 feet north of Loomis Street to 135 feet north of Loomis Street. (Commission discussed the request was from a business owner that was having a difficult time backing semi-trucks into his loading dock due to people parking on street to fish at the river. Commission recommended establishing a “No Parking Any Time” restriction on the west side of Buchanan Street from 85 feet north of Loomis Street to 135 feet north of Loomis Street. Motion by G. Zawislak, seconded by V. McLean. Voted 6-0)
4. Request in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward, by Brian Endl, 105 Hall Street, to establish “3 Hour Parking” restriction on the west side of Hall Street from Jefferson Street to State Street, thus repealing the existing “2 Hour Parking” on the west side of Hall Street from Jefferson Street to State Street. (Commission discussed this would benefit the employees in the area and that there is not any municipal parking lots in the area. Commission recommended establishing a “3 Hour Parking” restriction on the west side of Hall Street from Jefferson Street to State Street, thus repealing the existing “2 Hour Parking” restriction. Motion by G. Zawislak, seconded by F. Lierman. Voted 6-0)
5. Request in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward, by Brian Endl, 105 Hall Street, to repeal the “1 Hour Parking” restriction on Jefferson Street from Hall Street to 90 feet east of Hall Street, thus restoring unrestricted parking. (Commission discussed this would benefit the employees in the area and that there is not any municipal parking lots in the area. Commission recommended repealing the “1 Hour Parking” restriction on Jefferson Street from Hall Street to 90 feet east of Hall Street, thus restoring unrestricted parking. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by G. Zawislak. Voted 6-0)
6. Request in the 13<sup>th</sup> Ward, by Ryan Shaulis, Arc Design Resources, to establish Mid-Block Pedestrian Crossing on N Horsman Street approximately 120’ south of Mulberry Street. (Commission discussed that while this proposed crossing was less than 300 feet from a controlled intersection, it was part of a new ADA route from a new parking lot to an new addition to the Rescue Mission. Commission recommended establishing a Mid-Block Pedestrian Crossing on North Horsman Street approximately 120’ south of Mulberry Street. Motion by G. Zawislak, seconded by S. Capovilla. Voted 6-0)
7. Request in the 11<sup>th</sup> Ward, from Alderman Karen Elyea, to repeal the “No Parking Any Time Except Paratransit” from 1315 Parmele Street, thus restoring unrestricted parking. (Commission discussed that the person who requested the restriction had moved. Commission recommended repealing the “No Parking Any Time Except Paratransit” from 1315 Parmele Street, thus restoring unrestricted parking. Motion by J. Carter, seconded by V. McLean. Voted 6-0)

8. Request in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Ward, from City Staff, to establish “No Right Turn on Red” restriction for westbound traffic at the intersection of Charles Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. (Commission discussed that the west bound turn lane could possible collide with northbound traffic merging into the far right lane to turn right at State Street. Commission discussed about 600 cars a day make the turn, but there was not a history of the accident. Commission recommended establishing a “No Right Turn on Red” restriction for westbound traffic at the intersection of Charles Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by J. Carter. Voted 6-0)

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

1. Request in the 9<sup>th</sup> ward, by Alderman Teena Newberg, to reevaluate “2 Way Stop” control at the intersection of Halsted Road and Ridge Avenue, thus repealing the existing “All Way Stop” control at the intersection of Ridge Avenue and Halsted Road. (Commission discussed that there have been no accidents at the intersection since the sign was installed and that violation of the Stop sign appears to have substantially decreased. Commission discussed that the sign appears to be working. Commission recommended taking no action. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by G. Zawislak. Voted 6-0)
2. Request in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward, by Alfredo Mendoza, 1102 15<sup>th</sup> Street, to establish traffic control at the intersection of 15<sup>th</sup> Street and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue. (Commission discussed lack of accident history and low traffic volumes. Commission recommended taking no action. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by J. Carter. Voted 6-0)
3. Request in the 12<sup>th</sup> Ward, by Don Watson, 3635 Grant Avenue, to establish traffic control at the intersection of N Court Street and Belmont Boulevard. (Commission discussed lack of accident history and low traffic volumes. Commission recommended taking no action. Motion by J. Carter, seconded by F. Lierman. Voted 6-0)
4. Request in the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward, by Izabela Mourek Bentowski, 5551 Shaw Woods Close, to establish traffic control at the intersection of Shaw Woods Drive and Shaw Woods Close. (Commission discussed lack of accident history and low traffic volumes. Commission recommended taking no action. Motion by G. Zawislak, seconded by F. Lierman. Voted 6-0)

**The Traffic Commission elected the officers for the 2015 – 2016 Rockford Traffic Commission and nominated the following:**

1. Chairman Nominee – George Zawislak  
(Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by V. McLean. Vote 7-0).
2. Vice Chairman Nominee – Leland Carlson  
(Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by V. McLean. Vote 7-0).

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by George Zawislak.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

**July 8, 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