

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, October 21, 2015, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Mr. Leland Carlson at 6:01 PM.

**Members Present**

Mr. Leland Carlson, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Gregg Wilson, Transportation, School District 205  
Mr. Vince McLean, Rockford Mass Transit District  
Mr. Mike Rotolo, Rockford Fire Department  
Mr. Michael Hren, Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning  
Mr. Scott Capovilla, Community Development Department  
Mr. Jeremy Carter, Public Works Department

**Members Absent**

Mr. George Zawislak, Chairman  
Mr. Fred Lierman  
Mr. Dock Ward  
Sergeant Kevin Nordberg, Rockford Police Department  
Alderman Teena Newburg, 9<sup>th</sup> Ward

**Also Present**

Mr. Ernest R. Manno, 5989 Fox Basin Road, 61108  
Mr. Tim Hinkens, Public Works Department

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on September 9, 2015 were approved as submitted.

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

1. Request in the 14<sup>th</sup> Ward, from Alderman Joseph Chiarelli, to establish a No Commercial Vehicle Restriction on Samuelson Road from Alpine Road to east to the end of Samuelson Road. (J. Carter discussed that trucks had been parking on this portion of the roadway and the neighborhood had complained to the Alderman of the ward. Commission recommended establishing a No Commercial Vehicle Restriction on Samuelson Road from Alpine Road to east to the end of Samuelson Road. Motion by S. Capovilla, seconded by M. Hren. Voted 6-0)

2. Request in the 11<sup>th</sup> Ward, from John Carbaugh, to repeal the existing “No Right Turn on Red” restriction for southbound traffic on 6<sup>th</sup> Street at the intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. (Staff discussed they did not know why this restriction was originally approved but, no longer saw a need for the restriction. Commission recommended repealing the existing “No Right Turn on Red” restriction for southbound traffic on 6<sup>th</sup> Street at the intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Motion by M. Hren, seconded by V. McLean. Voted 6-0)
3. Request in the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward, from Lindsay Pozzy with Rockford Memorial Hospital, to establish a “No Parking Any Time except Paratransit” parking restriction on Grant Avenue from 120’ south of Napoleon Street to 140’ south of Napoleon Street. (Commission recommended establishing a “No Parking Any Time except Paratransit” parking restriction on Grant Avenue from 120’ south of Napoleon Street to 140’ south of Napoleon Street. Motion by G. Wilson, seconded by J. Carter. Voted 6-0)

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

1. Request in the 12<sup>th</sup> Ward, from Michael Montana, to establish stop control at the intersection of North View Road and Westbrook Drive. (Commission discussed the low traffic volumes and no accident history at the intersection. Commission discussed that stopping Westbrook Drive may cause issues when there is snow. Commission recommended taking no action. Motion by M. Rotolo, seconded by V. McLean. Voted 6-0)

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

1. Request in the 14<sup>th</sup> Ward, from Alderman Joseph Chiarelli, to establish “No Parking Any Time” parking restriction on the south side of Fox Basin Road from Stony Creek Way to Dry Creek Bend. (Mr. Manno discussed possible parking issues if restriction passed, due to condo association’s restriction on parking in drive-ways. Commission discussed that they did not know if restriction was against City ordinances. Commission discussed they did not want to cause a parking problem on the road. Commission laid item over to discuss with condo associations.)
2. Request in the 12<sup>th</sup> Ward, from Mike Gaffney, 2304 Rock Terrace, to repeal the existing “No Parking Any Time” parking restriction on the west side of Rock Terrace. (J. Carter discussed that staff had not sent out surveys to the neighborhood and was asking to lay over the item. Commission laid item over to send out surveys.)

**Other items:**

1. J. Carter discussed that due to Veteran’s Days falling on the second Wednesday of November, the November Traffic Commission Meeting will not be on the normal 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday but instead has been rescheduled for Thursday, November 12, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM. Motion by J. Carter, seconded by S. Capovilla.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

**November 12, 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