

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, November 12, 2015, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. George Zawislak at 6:01 PM.

**Members Present**

Mr. George Zawislak, Chairman  
Mr. Leland Carlson, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Fred Lierman  
Mr. Dock Ward  
Alderman Teena Newburg, 9<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Mr. Gregg Wilson, Transportation, School District 205  
Lt. Joel Givens, Rockford Police Department  
Mr. Mike Rotolo, Rockford Fire Department  
Mr. Colin Belle, Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning  
Mr. Scott Capovilla, Community Development Department  
Mr. Tim Hinkens, Public Works Department

**Members Absent**

Mr. Vince McLean, Rockford Mass Transit District

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on October 21, 2015 were approved as submitted.

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

1. Request in the 10<sup>th</sup> Ward, from Peter Verona, Rockford East High School, to establish “No Parking from 7am to 4pm” parking restriction on the west side of 28<sup>th</sup> Street from Charles Street to 460 feet south of Charles Street. (G. Wilson discussed how the school recently added a new parking lot and difficulties with sight vision during school pick up. Commission recommended establishing “No Parking from 7am to 4pm” parking restriction on the west side of 28<sup>th</sup> Street from Charles Street to 460 feet south of Charles Street. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by S. Capovilla. Voted 10-0)
  
2. Request from City Staff, to approve revisions to the City of Rockford Schedules of Ordinances to eliminate redundant and superseded ordinances. (T. Hinkens explained about redundant ordinances throughout the schedule of ordinances. He explained that we have gone through the schedule of ordinances and found redundant ordinances and are looking to “clean up the books”. T. Hinkens explained this does not change any signage but only eliminates old ordinances. Commission recommended to approved schedule of ordinances as presented. Motion by L. Carlson, seconded by F. Lierman. Voted 10-0)

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

1. 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 (Item was laid over from October meeting). (T. Hinkens discussed that the item was laid over because the neighborhood had not had time to return the surveys. Commission discussed that the majority of neighborhood surveys came back marked “Do Not Change.” Commission recommended taking no action. Motion by L. Carlson, seconded by C. Belle. Voted 10-0)
2. 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 (Item was laid over from October meeting). (T. Hinkens discussed the item was laid to get more information about condo associations parking. He also discussed that the Alderman of the ward had asked for the item to be dropped due to response from the area. Commission recommended taking no action. Motion by L. Carlson, seconded by G. Wilson. Voted 10-0)
3. Request in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward, from Rockford School District, to establish one handicap parking space on the north side of Brendenwood Road from 180 feet west of Westchester Drive to 160 feet west of Westchester Drive. (T. Hinkens discussed the request came from the principle of the school. G. Wilson discussed the space will narrow the street when people are parking on the south side of the road and history of neighbor complaining about teacher parking. Commission discussed the two handicap spaces near Parkwood Avenue. Commission recommended taking no action. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by T. Newburg. Voted 10-0)

**Other items:**

1. T. Hinkens on behalf of Jeremy Carter thanked everyone for dedicating their time to the Traffic Commission over the last year and wished everyone a happy holidays. He reminded everyone the next meeting is in January 2016. C. Belle let everyone know that RMAP has recently completed the Boone / Winnebago County Green Way Map and can make them available to commission members and the public.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by L. Carlson.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

**January 13, 2016 6:00 PM.**

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

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