

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, February 10, 2016, 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. Leland Carlson, Vice Chairman
Mr. Fred Lierman
Mr. Dock Ward
Mr. Gregg Wilson, Transportation, School District 205
Mr. Vince McLean, Rockford Mass Transit District
Mr. Michael Dunn Jr, Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Lt. Walter Felton, Rockford Police Department
Mr. Mike Rotolo, Rockford Fire Department
Mr. Scott Capovilla, Community Development Department
Mr. Timothy Hinkens, Public Works Department

Members Absent

Alderman Teena Newburg, 9th Ward

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on January 13, 2016 were approved as submitted.

The Traffic Commission recommended the following items:

1. Request in the 5th Ward, by City Staff, to establish all-way stop at the intersection of Christina Street and Blackhawk Park Avenue, thus repealing the existing 3-way stop condition at the intersection (Item was laid over from January meeting). (Commission discussed that the existing 3-way stop does not make sense as it exists. Commission recommended establishing all-way stop at the intersection of Christina Street and Blackhawk Park Avenue, thus repealing the existing 3-way stop condition at the intersection. Motion by G. Wilson, seconded by F. Lierman. Voted 10-0)
2. Request in the 10th Ward, from Cynthia Forbes, 451 Bancroft Court, to establish a “No Parking Any Time Except Paratransit” parking restriction on the east side of Bancroft Court from 120’ south of Strathmoor Drive to 140’ south of Strathmoor Drive. (Commission recommended establishing a “No Parking Any Time Except Paratransit” parking restriction on the east side of Bancroft Court from 120’ south of Strathmoor Drive to 140’ south of Strathmoor Drive Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by S. Capovilla. Voted 10-0)

3. Request in the 8th Ward, from Sheldon Lamoine, 3447 Broadway, to repeal the existing “No Parking Any Time” restriction on the west side of Eastgate Parkway from Broadway to Minnesota Drive, thus restoring unrestricted parking. (Commission discussed that ordinance was originally established to allow cars to turn onto the road. Commission recommended repealing the existing “No Parking Any Time” restriction on the west side of Eastgate Parkway from 135 feet south of Broadway to Minnesota Drive, thus keeping the existing “No Parking Any Time” restriction on the west side of Eastgate Parkway from Broadway to 135 feet south of Broadway. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by L. Carlson. Voted 10-0)

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

1. Request in the 3rd Ward, from Alderman Thomas McNamara, to reduce the speed limit on Crabapple Lane from Parkview Avenue to Jacoby Place from 30mph to 25mph (Item was laid over from January meeting). (Commission discussed this item was laid over to look into advisory speed. Lt. Felton discussed that police ran radar and found low speeds and that the speed problem was more perception that reality. Commission recommended City Staff post advisory speed limit to be determined by Staff. Commission recommended taking no action. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by L. Carlson. Voted 10-0)
2. Request in the 3rd Ward, from Alderman Thomas McNamara, to reduce the speed limit on Clayshire Lane from Jacoby Place to end from 30mph to 25mph (Item was laid over from January meeting). (Commission discussed this item was laid over to look into advisory speed. Lt. Felton discussed that police ran radar and found low speeds and that the speed problem was more perception that reality. Commission recommended City Staff post advisory speed limit to be determined by Staff. Commission recommended taking no action. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by L. Carlson. Voted 10-0)

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM. Motion by W. Felton, seconded by S. Capovilla.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

March 9, 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