

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, March 09, 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  
Alderman Teena Newburg, 9<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Mr. Gregg Wilson, Transportation, School District 205  
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. Michael Dunn Jr, Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning  
Lt. Walter Felton, Rockford Police Department

**Also Present**

Mr. Troy Johnson, 3537 Merchandise Drive, 61109  
Mr. Tim Hinkens, Public Works Department

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on February 10, 2016 were approved as submitted.

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

1. Request in the 14<sup>th</sup> Ward, Kristine Leider, Marsh School Principal, to establish a “No Parking Any Time” parking restriction on the north side of Carol Court from Starview Drive to 160’ east of Starview Drive. (G. Wilson discussed the need for this restriction due to parents not following rules that led to confusion during school drop off and pick-up. He also discussed future construction plans at Gregory School. Commission recommended establishing a “No Parking Any Time” parking restriction on the north side of Carol Court from Starview Drive to 160’ east of Starview Drive. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by D. Ward. Voted 9-0)

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

1. Request in the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward, by James Alexander, 2603 Arthur Avenue, to repeal the “No Parking Any Time” parking restriction on the north side of Arthur Avenue from 50 feet west of Hoban Avenue to 50 feet east of Hoban Avenue, thus restoring unrestricted parking. (Commission discussed signs may have been placed to keep cars from being hit in winter as Hoban Avenue has a steep slope. Ald. Newburg state she used to live in the area and cars did get hit at the intersection and the fact there was no accidents showed the signage was working. Commission recommended taking no action. Motion by T. Newburg, seconded by F. Lierman. Voted 9-0)
2. Request in the 12<sup>th</sup> Ward, by Christine Gilmore, 2210 Hancock Street, to repeal the “No Parking Any Time” parking restriction on the east side of Hancock Street from Brown Avenue to Van Wie Avenue. (Commission discussed that they had just moved the NPAT restriction to the east side a few months back. M. Rotolo state that Fire had concerns about getting a truck through if there was parking on both sides. Commission recommended taking no action. Motion by M. Rotolo, seconded by D. Ward. Voted 9-0)

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

1. Request in the 10<sup>th</sup> Ward, from Frank Rinaldo, 1016 23rd Street, to eliminate the Residential Parking Permit Restriction Program 2, on both sides of 23rd Street from 9th Avenue to 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, thus restoring unrestricted parking. (J. Carter discussed that Mr. Rinaldo had indicated that his neighborhood was not in complete agreement on removing the restriction. J. Carter asked that the item be laid over so that Mr. Rinaldo could update the Commission on the will of the neighborhood.)
2. Request in the 6<sup>th</sup> Ward, by the Rockford Police Department, to establish a “No Parking Any Time” parking restriction on the west side of Merchandise Drive from Sandy Hollow Road to south end of road (Mr. Johnson stated to the Commission he was not in favor of eliminating all parking on the west side of Merchandise Drive due to his business using the roadway for parking monthly for learning lunch monthly. Mr. Johnson asked if the restriction could be from 6pm to 6am. J. Carter asked that the item be laid over so the Police Department could weigh in on suggested options.)

The meeting adjourned at 6:19 PM. Motion by T. Newburg, seconded by F. Lierman.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

**April 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