

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, May 12, 2010, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. George Zawislak at 6:03 PM.

Members Present

Mr. George Zawislak, Chairman
Mr. Fred Lierman, Vice Chairman
Mr. Dock Ward
Mr. Leland Carlson
Alderman Bill Robertson, 14th Ward
Mr. Gregg Wilson, Transportation, School District 205
Mr. Matt Knott, Rockford Fire Department
Lieutenant Dane Person, Rockford Police Department
Mr. Gary McIntyre, Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Mr. Jonah Katz, Planning Division, Community Development Department
Mr. Jeremy Carter, Public Works Department

Members Absent

Mr. Ron Muzzarelli, Rockford Mass Transit District

Also Present

Mr. Thomas Okite
Mr. Mark McInnis, 222 South First Street, Rockford, 61104

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on April 14, 2010, were approved as submitted.

The Traffic Commission recommended the following items:

1. Request from a citizen in the 14th Ward for yield sign control at the intersection of Dexter Street and Welworth Avenue. (Commission discussed difficulties with sight lines when going westbound and the long length of blocks. The Commission recommended approval of two-way stop with Welworth Avenue stopping for Dexter Street. Motion by G. Wilson, seconded by D. Ward. Voted 11-0)
2. Request from Alderman Jacobson, 6th Ward for stop sign control at the intersection of Fitch Road and Foley Street. (Commission discussed the five right angle accidents since 2007. Discussion that 4 of 5 accidents driver on Foley were ticketed. Discussion of low traffic numbers and that intersection does not appear to have sight line issues. The Commission recommended approval of two-way stop with Foley Street stopping for Finch Road. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by L. Carlson. Voted 11-0)

The Traffic Commission laid over the following items:

1. Request from Alderman Mark, 3rd Ward and Mark McInnis, 222 South First Street, 61104 for “One Hour” parking and “Residential Permits” on the east side of South First Street from Oak Street to 200 feet north of Oak Street. (Mark McInnis discussed parking issues for residents. M. Knott and Alderman Robertson discussed need for parking at Fire Administration building. Discussion of safety of 911 operators when coming to and leaving from work. M. Knott discussed that this would push parking to other areas. Discussion that approval of this could cause other residents to request residential parking. The Commission recommended laying this item over to next month, to allow fire and city staff time to research alternate parking accommodations for fire staff. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by L. Carlson. Voted 11-0).
2. Amendment to request for “One Hour” parking and “Residential Permits” on the east side of South First Street from Oak Street to 200 feet north of Oak Street from G. McIntyre for “One Hour” parking and “Residential Permits” on the north side of Oak Street from South First Street east to alley. (The Commission recommended laying this item over to next month, to allow fire and city staff time to research alternate parking accommodations. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by L. Carlson. Voted 11-0).

The Traffic Commission elected the officers for the 2010 – 2011 Rockford Traffic Commission and nominated the following:

1. Chairman Nominee – Fred Lierman
(Motion by L. Carlson, seconded by G. Wilson. Vote 10-0).
2. Vice Chairman Nominee – George Zawislak
(Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by D. Ward. Vote 10-0).

Other items:

1. J. Carter updated Commission of item from previous month. J. Carter informed that the Codes and Regulation Committee had voted to go against Traffic Commission recommendation for “No Action” at the intersection of Hemlock Lane and Thornwood Drive in the 10th Ward. Discussion that the item is before the full City Council on May 17, 2010.

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by L. Carlson.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:
Wednesday, June 9, 2010, 6:00 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Carter
Recording Secretary