

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, June 9, 2010, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. Fred Lierman at 6:02 PM.

Members Present

Mr. Fred Lierman, Chairman
Mr. Dock Ward
Mr. Thomas Okite
Mr. Gregg Wilson, Transportation, School District 205
Mr. Ron Muzzarelli, Rockford Mass Transit District
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. George Zawislak, Vice Chairman
Mr. Leland Carlson
Alderman Frank Beach, 10th Ward

Also Present

Mrs. Liza Buell, 1708 Post Avenue, Rockford, 61103
Mr. Jason Buell, 1708 Post Avenue, Rockford, 61103
Mr. Carl Sefrhans, 2233 First Avenue, Rockford, 61104
Mr. Mark McInnis, 222 South First Street, Rockford, 61104
Mr. Stephen Jaycox, 228 South First Street, Rockford, 61104

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on May 12, 2010, were approved as submitted.

The Traffic Commission recommended the following items:

1. Request from Alderman Johnson, 8th Ward and Carl Sefrhans, Tabor Lutheran Church, 2233 12th Avenue, 61104 for two handicapped parking stalls adjacent to the ramp entrance on the south side of 12th Avenue from 175' to 220' west of 19th Street. (Mr. Sefrhans spoke about recent addition to his church and accessibility issues with parking. The Commission recommended approval of the two handicapped spaces. Motion by G. Wilson, seconded by R. Muzzarelli. Voted 10-0)

2. Request from Alderman Mark, 3rd Ward and Mark McInnis, 222 South First Street, 61104 for “One Hour” parking and “Residential Permits”.
 - a. On the east side of South First Street from Oak Street to 200 feet north of Oak Street.
 - b. On the north side of Oak Street from South First Street east to the alley.
(M. Knott discussed Fire Department making arrangements for additional parking. The Commission recommended establishing “One Hour” parking and granting residential permits. Motion by G. McIntyre, seconded by J. Katz. Voted 10-0).
3. Request from Barbara Furseth, 610 Cottage Grove Avenue, 61103 in the 9th Ward for yield or stop sign control at the intersection of Douglas Street and Ellis Avenue. (The Commission discussed the six accidents since 2007. Discussion that 4 of 6 accidents, driver on Douglas was 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 Ellis Avenue stopping for Douglas Street. Motion by G. Wilson, seconded by G. McIntyre. Voted 10-0)
4. Request from Deb LoMonaco, U. S. Marshals Service, 211 South Court Street, 61101 to repeal the existing No Parking Any Time and replace with a “No Parking Tow Away Zone” on the west side of Court Street from Elm Street to Chestnut Street, adjacent to the Federal Court House at 211 South Court Street. (Commission discussed request from U.S. Marshals Service, that if a car is parked illegally next to courthouse, they want the car removed due to possible security threat. The Commission recommended approval. Motion by R. Muzzarelli, seconded by J. Katz. Voted 10-0)

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

1. Request from Liza Buell, 1708 Post Avenue, 61103 in the 3rd Ward, to repeal the existing 2-way stop condition at the intersection of Logan Avenue and Post Avenue and change it to 4-way stop sign control. (Mrs. Buell presented her reason for the request, which included speeding on the street and children playing. F. Lierman explained how Stop signs should not be used for speed control. D. Person stated traffic enforcement would watch the area. Commission recommended No Action Motion by G. McIntyre, seconded by G. Wilson. Voted 10-0).

The meeting adjourned at 6:31 PM. Motion by J. Carter, seconded by J. Katz.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

Wednesday, July 14, 2010, 6:00 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Carter
Recording Secretary