

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD (Amended)

Wednesday, July 14, 2010, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. Fred Lierman at 6:01 PM.

Members Present

Mr. Fred Lierman, Chairman
Mr. George Zawislak, Vice Chairman
Mr. Dock Ward
Mr. Leland Carlson
Mr. Thomas Okite
Alderman Linda McNeely, 13th Ward
Mr. Gregg Wilson, Transportation, School District 205
Division Chief 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

Alderman Frank Beach, 10th Ward
Mrs. Mary Barlow, 1404 23rd Street, Rockford, 61108
Mr. Jim Barlow, 1404 23rd Street, Rockford, 61108
Mr. Ray Ford, 1410 23rd Street, Rockford, 61108
Mrs. Penny Ford, 1410 23rd Street, Rockford, 61108
Mr. Robert Smith, 106 7th Street, Rockford, 61104
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The minutes of the last regular meeting held on June 9, 2010, were approved as submitted.

The Traffic Commission recommended the following items:

1. Request from Alderman Beach, 10th Ward and Mary Barlow, 1404 23rd Street, 61108 for stop sign control at the intersection of 13th Avenue and 23rd Street. (Ald. Beach and residents discussed their request for control. Commission discussed that traffic would be higher than counts during school year. Commission discussed that 4-way stop was not warranted. The Commission recommended approval of 13th Avenue yielding for 23rd Street. Motion by J. Carter, seconded by L. Carlson Voted 10-2)

2. Request from Eric Ge, 104 Seventh Street and Robert Smith, 106 Seventh Street, 61104 in the 11th Ward, to repeal “Thirty Minute” parking restriction on both sides of Seventh Street from 1st Avenue to Charles Street and replace with Two Hour parking. (Mr. Smith discussed reasons for wanting parking changed which included that business had changed in area and now needed parking longer than “30 minutes”. The Commission recommended repealing “Thirty Minute” parking restriction on both sides of Seventh Street from 1st Avenue to Charles Street and replacing with “Two Hour” parking. Motion by G. McIntyre, seconded by G. Wilson. Voted 12-0)
3. Request from the Rockford Fire Department for No Parking Any Time in the cul-de-sac at the end of Grant Avenue south of Napoleon Street, in the 3rd Ward. (Div. Chief M. Knott discussed Fire Department issue with turning trucks around in cul-de-sac when cars are parked in cul-de-sac. Discussion of cul-de-sac being installed when Ridge and Whitman intersection was reconfigured in summer of 2009. The Commission recommended approval “No Parking Any Time” starting 30 north and within the cul-de-sac at the end of Grant Avenue south of Napoleon. Motion by G. McIntyre, seconded by G. Wilson. Voted 12-0)

The Traffic Commission laid over the following items:

1. Request from Barbara Dirksen, SwedishAmerican Medical Offices, 2550 Charles Street, 61108, in the 10th Ward, for mid-block pedestrian crosswalk on Hunter Avenue between their building and the employee parking lot across the street. (Commission discussed pedestrian volumes and the two previous considerations of this item. Commission discussed whether pedestrians would use the crossing. The Commission recommended laying this item over to next month, to allow discussion with SwedishAmerican on their preference in crossing location. Motion by G. Wilson, seconded by L. McNeely. Voted 12-0).

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

1. Request from a citizen in the 1st Ward for stop sign control at the intersection of Shiloh Close and Shiloh Road. (The Commission discussed no accidents and low traffic volume at intersection, The Commission recommended No Action. Motion by G. Wilson, seconded by D. Person Voted 12-0)
2. Request from Alderman Sosnowski, 1st Ward to repeal the existing 2-way stop sign control at Silverthorn Drive and Sweetbriar Lane and replace with 4-way stop sign control. (The Commission discussed the one accident and low traffic volume at intersection. Commission discussed the 2-way stop appeared to be working. The Commission recommended No Action. Motion by G. Wilson, seconded by D. Person Voted 12-0)

3. Request from Russell Calvagna, 2710 Ninth Avenue, 61108 in the 10th Ward to repeal the existing 2-way stop sign control at the intersection of 9th Avenue and 23rd Street and replace with 4-way stop sign control. (Ald. Beach discussed the request for 4-way stop at intersection. Commission discussed that traffic would be higher than counts during school year. Commission discussed that 4-way stop was not warranted. The Commission recommended No Action. Motion by G. Wilson, seconded by D. Ward Voted 12-0)

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 PM. Motion by G. Wilson, seconded by J. Carter.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

Wednesday, August 11, 2010, 6:00 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Carter
Recording Secretary