

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, January 14, 2009, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Mr. Fred Lierman at 6:05 PM.

Members Present

Mr. Fred Lierman, Vice Chairman
Mr. Gregg Wilson, Transportation, School District 205
Mr. Dock Ward
Alderman Franklin Beach, 10th Ward
Mr. Frank Schmitt, Rockford Fire Department
Mr. Gary McIntyre, Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Mr. Jeremy Carter, Public Works Department

Members Absent

Mr. George Zawislak, Chairman
Mrs. Cedonia Ahlstrand
Mr. Leland Carlson
Mr. Jonah Katz, Planning Division, Community Development Department
Lieutenant Dane Person, Rockford Police Department
Mr. Ron Muzzarelli, Rockford Mass Transit District

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on November 12, 2008, were approved as submitted.

The Traffic Commission approved the following items:

1. Request from Lora Forrest, 2610 19th Avenue, 61108, to repeal the existing Yield sign control and replace with 4-way stop sign control at the intersection of 19th Avenue and 22nd Street. (Commission discussed intersection and history of issues with hill. Commission discussed 2-way stop instead of 4-way stop. Commission recommended repealing 2-way Yield and approval of 2-way stop with 19th Avenue stopping for 22nd Street. Motion by G. McIntyre, seconded by G. Wilson Voted 7-0)
2. Request from Alderman Mark, 3rd Ward for the following due to the Downtown Mall Project:
 - A. Repeal the existing 3-way stop sign and replace with 4-way stop sign control at the intersection of Elm Street and Main Street. (Commission discussed scope of project. Motion by J. Carter, seconded by G. Wilson Voted 7-0)

- B. Repeal the existing 3-way stop sign and replace with 4-way stop sign control at the intersection of Main Street and Mulberry Street. (Motion by J. Carter, seconded by F. Schmitt Voted 7-0)
- C. Fifteen Minute Parking on the west side of Main Street from 35 feet to 100 feet north of Elm Street. (Two Stalls) (Commission recommended Loading Zone in place of Fifteen Minute Parking. Motion by J. Carter, seconded by F. Beach Voted 7-0)
- D. One Hour Parking on the east side of Main Street from 35 feet to 250 feet north of Elm Street. (8 Stalls) (Motion by G. McIntyre, seconded by D. Ward Voted 7-0)
- E. Fifteen Minute Parking on the west side of Main Street from 145 feet to 225 feet north of West State Street. (Two Stalls) (Commission recommended Loading Zone in place of Fifteen Minute Parking. Motion by J. Carter, seconded by G. McIntyre Voted 7-0)
- F. One Hour Parking on the east side of Main Street from 140 feet to 315 feet north of West State Street. (Seven Stalls) (Motion by G. Wilson, seconded by D. Ward Voted 7-0)

The Traffic Commission laid over the following items:

- 1. Request from Alderman Mark, 3rd Ward for the following due to the Downtown Mall Project:
 - A. That 2-way stop control at Main Street and West State Street as State Street is a designated “Through Street”. (Commission discussed intersection and relationship to signalized intersections to the east and west. Commission discussed concerns for adequate gaps for vehicles to cross or enter traffic at State Street. Commission recommended layover so a presentation of downtown plans could be provided at next meeting. Motion by G. McIntyre, seconded by G. Wilson Voted 6-1)

The Traffic Commission took “No Action” on the following item:

- 1. Request from Alderman Beck 12th Ward, to repeal the existing 1-way stop and replace with 3-way stop sign control at Bradley Road and Northview Road. (Mr. Lierman discussed low traffic volumes and no accidents at the intersection. Motion by F.Schmitt, seconded by D. Ward. Voted 7-0)
- 2. Request from Alderman Beach, 10th Ward to repeal the existing 2-way stop and replace with a 4-way stop sign control at the intersection of Greenwood Avenue and Roland Avenue. (Discussion of low traffic volumes and no accidents at the intersection. Motion by D. Ward, seconded by G. McIntyre. Voted 6-1 Ald. Beach voting against No Action)
- 3. Request from Alderman Beach, 10th Ward for 2-way stop sign control for northbound traffic on Calvin Park Blvd and Crosby Street. (Discussion of low traffic volumes and no accidents at the intersection. Motion by D. Ward, seconded by F. Schmitt. Voted 6-1 Ald. Beach voting against No Action)

4. Request from Alderman Beach, 10th Ward, for “No Left Turn” prohibition during peak hours for southbound Calvin Park Blvd at East State Street. (Discussion of residents south of Crosby would be forced to go south to State and be forced to turn right. Motion by G. McIntyre, seconded by F. Schmitt. Voted 6-1)
5. Request from Travis Rafferty, for stop sign control at the intersection of Dawson Avenue and Jackson Street. (Motion by D. Ward, seconded by J. Carter. Voted 7-0)

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM. Motion by F. Schmitt, seconded by D. Ward.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

Wednesday, February 11, 2009 6:00 PM

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Carter
Recording Secretary