

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, June 10, 2009, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. George Zawislak at 6:01 PM.

Members Present

Mr. George Zawislak, Chairman
Mr. Fred Lierman, Vice Chairman
Mrs. Cedonia Ahlstrand
Mr. Leland Carlson
Mr. Gregg Wilson, Transportation, School District 205
Mr. Ron Muzzarelli, Rockford Mass Transit District
Mr. Mark Marinaro, 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. Dock Ward
Alderman Franklin Beach, 10th Ward

Also Present

Mrs. Nichole Dyerson, 902 15th Street, Rockford, 61104
Alderman Karen Elyea, 11th Ward

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on May 13, 2009, were approved as submitted.

The Traffic Commission approved the following items:

1. Request from Alderman Elyea, 11th Ward to repeal the existing “No Parking Any Time” on the west side of 9th Street from 33 feet to 66 feet north of Broadway. (Ald. Elyea spoke to commission and explained change in business ownership, and she did not expect issues that had lead to the parking change in the past. Commission recommended Restoring 2 hour parking from 33 feet to 66 feet north of Broadway. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by L. Carlson. Voted 9-1).
2. Request from Nichole Dyerson, 902 15th Street, 61104, for stop sign control at the intersection of 8th Avenue and 15th Street. (This item was laid over from the May meeting. Commission looked at new traffic counts which still showed even traffic distribution at intersection. Discussion of 15th having bridge over drainage way and therefore being considered predominate street. Commission recommended Approval of 8th Avenue stopping for 15th Street. Motion by G. McIntyre, seconded by F. Lierman. Voted 10-0).

3. Request from Dave Murphy, 500 S. Independence Avenue, 61102, for “Two Hour” parking restriction on the south side of Cedar Street from Church Street to Winnebago Street. (Commission discussed request and Federal Courthouse construction. Commission recommended Approval of 2 hour parking and reviewing after construction of Federal Courthouse is complete. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by G. Wilson. Voted 10-0).
4. Request from Alderman Mark, 3rd Ward, to change the time limit on the existing “Commercial Loading Zone” on the north side of Elm Street from Main Street to 30 feet west of Wyman Street to Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm. (Commission recommended Approval. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by C. Ahlstrand. Voted 10-0).
5. Request from staff for the following due to the change in traffic pattern caused by reconstruction of the intersection of Whitman Street and Ridge Avenue. One-Way for westbound traffic on Fisher Ave from 320 feet to 450 feet west of Court Street. (J. Carter explained need for this change and that change has been made on temporary basis while construction is ongoing. Public Works is asking for change to be made permanent. Commission recommended Approval with addition of placing stop sign at northern most leg of westbound Fisher Ave; making One-Way Fisher stopping for Haskell Ave. Motion by G. McIntyre, seconded by F. Lierman. Voted 10-0).

The Traffic Commission laid over the following items:

1. Request from Kelly Goodmonson, 2203 Latham Street, 61103, for yield or stop sign control at the intersection of Brown Avenue and Latham Street. (Ald. Bill Timm requested item be laid over because Ms. Goodmonson could not attend meeting. Approval. Motion by G. McIntyre, seconded by G. Wilson. Voted 10-0).
2. Request from staff to extend the existing “Commercial Loading Zone” Monday – Saturday, 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., on the west side of Church Street from 30 feet to 150 feet south of West State Street. (Commission recommended item be laid over pending clarification from staff for request. Motion by R. Muzzarelli, seconded by F. Lierman. Voted 10-0).

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM. Motion by L. Carlson, seconded by F. Lierman.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

Wednesday, July 8, 2009 6:00 PM

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Carter
Recording Secretary