

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, November 18, 2009, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. George Zawislak at 6:05 PM.

Members Present

Mr. George Zawislak, Chairman
Mr. Fred Lierman, Vice Chairman
Mrs. Cedonia Ahlstrand
Mr. Dock Ward
Alderman Nancy Johnson, 8th Ward
Mr. Ron Muzzarelli, Rockford Mass Transit District
Mr. Frank Schmitt, Rockford Fire Department
Mr. John Cabello, 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. Leland Carlson
Mr. Gregg Wilson, Transportation, School District 205

Also Present

Ms. Mary Ywanauskas, 1822 Bruner Street 61103
Mr. John Cabello, citizen

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on October 14, 2009, were approved as submitted.

The Traffic Commission approved the following items:

1. Request from Mary Ywanauskas 1822 Bruner, 61103 and Matt McDonald 1903 Bruner Street, 61103 in the 9th Ward for yield or stop sign control at the intersection of Bruner Street and Burton Street. (Ms. Ywanauskas discussed speed in area. Commission discussed the two right angle accidents. Commission recommended approval of Bruner Street yielding for Burton Street and conducting a speed study on Burton Street near intersection. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by Doc Ward. Voted 11-0).
2. Request from Alderman Jacobson, 6th Ward for 4-way stop sign control at the intersection of Reed Avenue and 19th Street. (Discussed that Reed was a collector and low accidents at intersection. Commission recommended 2-way stop with 19th Street stopping for Reed Avenue. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by C. Ahlstrand. Voted 11-0).

3. Request from Alderman Johnson, 8th Ward for yield or stop sign control for the intersection of 11th Avenue and 19th Street. (Ald. Johnson discussed grid layout of area and rolling terrain. Discussion of two accidents this year and 20th Street construction adding traffic to 19th Street. Commission recommended 11th Avenue yielding for 19th Street. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by G. McIntyre. (Voted 11-0).
4. Request from staff for “No Parking Any Time” in the 7th Ward on both sides of Kilburn Avenue from Bruce Street to Whitman Street/School Street. (Discussed danger of on street parking in this area. Commission recommended approval. Motion by F. Schmitt, seconded by F. Lierman. Voted 11-0).
5. Request from staff for the following items in the 1st Ward, that due to the extension of Spring Creek Road:
 - a. Spring Creek Road from the Rock River to the City Limits be made a “Through Street”.
 - b. Stop sign control at the intersection of Spring Creek Road and Bell School Road, thereby completing the 3-way stop condition.
 - c. “No Parking Any Time” on both sides of Spring Creek Road from Perryville Road to Bell School Road.(Discussed new roadway and that Winnebago County had approved stop signs on Bell School Road. Commission recommended approval all three items. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by C. Ahlstrand. Voted 11-0).

The Traffic Commission laid over the following items:

1. Request from Alderman Elyea, 11th Ward and Violet Mora, 2021 S. 6th Street, 61104 to repeal the “No Parking 6-9am” on the west side of South 6th Street from 15th Avenue to 22nd Avenue. (Discussed history of corridor with manufacturing and traffic going to work at plants to the south along 6th Street. Discussed businesses’ having left that area and that traffic is probably not same as it once was. Discussion that requestor wanted to bring in a petition. Motion to lay over so requestor can appear before commission. Motion by F. Schmitt, seconded by F. Lierman. Voted 11-0).

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

1. Request from Alderman Mark, 3rd Ward for stop sign control at the intersection of Ellsworth Avenue and Post Avenue. (Discussed low speed and configuration of intersection. Commission recommended No Action. Motion by G. McIntyre, seconded by F. Lierman. Voted 11-0).
2. Request from Patrick Anding, 1030 Kilburn Avenue, Upper Apt, 61101 in the 7th Ward to repeal the “No Parking Any Time” on the west side of Kilburn Avenue from 360’ south of Fairview Avenue to Bruce Street, thereby restoring unrestricted parking. (Discussed that signage of “No Parking 6am to 9am” did not match “No Parking Anytime” that was in ordinance book. Discussed danger of on street parking and that some could park on Lee behind property. Commission recommended No Action and changing signage to comply with ordinance. Motion by F. Schmitt, seconded by G. McIntyre. Voted 11-0).

Other items:

1. R. Muzzarelli on behalf of Rockford Mass Transit District requested City of Rockford Traffic Division review removal of the two parking spaces west of Church Street on south side of Mulberry Street and place on earliest Traffic Commission agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 PM. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by J. Carter.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

Wednesday, January 13, 2010 6:00 PM

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jeremy A. Carter, P.E.
Recording Secretary