

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, November 12, 2008, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. George Zawislak at 6:04 PM.

**Members Present**

Mr. George Zawislak, Chairman  
Mr. Fred Lierman, Vice Chairman  
Mrs. Cedonia Ahlstrand  
Mr. Gregg Wilson, Transportation, School District 205  
Mr. Dock Ward  
Mr. Jonah Katz, Planning Division, Community Development Department  
Mr. Jon Paul Diipla, Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning  
Mr. Frank Schmitt, Rockford Fire Department  
Alderman Carl Wasco, 4<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Lieutenant Dane Person, Rockford Police Department  
Mr. Leland Carlson  
Mr. Jeremy Carter, Traffic Engineering Division, Public Works Department

**Members Absent**

Mr. Ron Muzzarelli, Rockford Mass Transit District

**Also Present**

Mr. Jon Michael Maddox, Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on October 8, 2008, were approved as submitted.

**The Traffic Commission approved the following items:**

1. Request from Alderman Thompson-Kelly, 7<sup>th</sup> Ward, for stop sign control at the following locations:
  - A. Alliance Avenue and Sherman Avenue (Item was referred back to Traffic Commission from Codes and Regulations. Ald. Wasco discusses Ald. Thompson-Kelly's strong support of enforcing the "T" intersection. Commission recommended Approval of Alliance Avenue stopping for Sherman Avenue. Motion by G. Wilson, seconded by L. Carlson. Voted 10-1, Lt. Person voting against)
  - B. N. Avon Street and Taylor Street (Item was referred back to Traffic Commission from Codes and Regulations. Ald. Wasco discusses Ald. Thompson-Kelly's strong support of enforcing the "T" intersection. Commission recommended Approval of Taylor Street stopping for N. Avon Street. Motion by L. Carlson, seconded by F. Lierman. Voted 10-1, Lt. Person voting against)

2. Request from staff to repeal “Two Hour” parking and replace with “No Parking Any Time” at the following locations:
  - A. On the south side of Chestnut Street from Court Street to S. Main Street. (J. Carter discussed items connection to Metro Centre renovations and Federal Court House Building. Commission recommended Approval. Motion by F. Schmitt, seconded by F. Lierman. Voted 11-0)
  - B. On the west side of South Church Street from Chestnut Street to Cedar Street. (J. Carter discussed items connection to Metro Centre renovations and Federal Court House Building. Commission recommended Approval. Motion by F. Schmitt, seconded by F. Lierman. Voted 11-0)
  
3. Request from Anthony Stratton and Alderman Beck, 12<sup>th</sup> Ward for 4-way stop sign control at the intersection of Brown Avenue and Hecker Avenue. (Commission discussed accident history at intersection and proximately of intersection to N. Main Street. Commission discussed 2-way stop instead of 4-way stop. Commission recommended Approval of 2-way stop with Hecker Avenue stopping for Brown Avenue. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by C. Ahlstrand Voted 11-0)
  
4. Request from Stephen Ernst, Executive Director, Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning, 313 N. Main St., 61101, to repeal the existing “Passenger Loading Zone” on the east side of N. Main Street from 160 feet to 180 feet north of Jefferson Street and replace with “One Hour” parking to match the existing parking restrictions on this block of North Main Street. (Commission recommended Approval. Motion by L. Carlson, seconded by F. Lierman Voted 11-0)

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

1. Request from Principal Dave Nold, Carlson Elementary School, 4015 Pepper Drive, 61114, to repeal the existing “Bus Stop” zone on the south side of Pepper Drive from 230 feet to 600 feet west of Pecan Drive. (Mr. Wilson requested Commission vote “No Action” based on Board of Education review of bus drop-off at school. Motion by G. Wilson, seconded by F. Lierman. Voted 11-0)
  
2. Request from Michael Woldman, 6424 Weaver Road, 61114, and Alderman Wasco, 4<sup>th</sup> Ward to repeal the existing 1-way stop sign control at Live Oak Lane and Weaver Road and replace with “All Way” stop sign control. (Lt. Person briefly discussed speed study and stated average speed not considered speeding. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by G. Wilson. Voted 11-0)

3. Request from the East Ridge Drive residents group and Alderman Beach, 10<sup>th</sup> Ward for “No Parking Any Time” on the north side of East Ridge Drive from Crosby Street to Wood Road. (Item was referred back to Traffic Commission from Codes and Regulations. Commission, again, discussed apparent shortage of parking for tenants and guest in the area, the Commission recommended No Action. Motion by D. Ward, seconded by G. Wilson. Voted 11-0)
4. Request from Alderman Sosnowski, 1<sup>st</sup> Ward, to repeal the existing 1-way stop sign and replace with a 3-way stop sign control at the intersection of Hedge Cliff Drive and Olde Creek Road. (Due to the intersection being a “T” intersection and the minor leg already having stop control, the Commission did not feel that a 3-way stop was warranted and recommended No Action. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by C. Ahlstrand Voted 11-0)

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM. Motion by J.Carter, seconded by F. Lierman.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

**Wednesday, January 14, 2009 6:00 PM**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Carter  
Recording Secretary