

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, October 8, 2008, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. George Zawislak at 6:10 PM.

Members Present

Mr. George Zawislak, Chairman
Mr. Fred Lierman, Vice Chairman
Mrs. Cedonia Ahlstrand
Mr. Dock Ward (late)
Mr. Gregg Wilson, Transportation, School District 205
Lieutenant Dane Person, Rockford Police Department
Mr. Frank Schmitt, Rockford Fire Department
Mr. Gary McIntyre, Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Mr. Jeremy Carter, Traffic Engineering Division, Public Works Department

Members Absent

Mr. Jonah Katz, Planning Division, Community Development Department
Mr. Leland Carlson
Alderman Carl Wasco, 4th Ward
Mr. Ron Muzzarelli, Rockford Mass Transit District

Also Present

Mrs. Marcy Leach, Public Works Department
Ms. Kimberly Ramirez, 404 7th Street, 61104
Mr. Mike Woldman, 6424 Weaver Rd, 61114
Mrs. Andrea Woldman, 6424 Weaver Rd, 61114
Mr. Troi Knott, 4118 Eastridge Drive, 61107

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on September 10, 2008, were approved as submitted.

The Traffic Commission approved the following items:

1. That the existing 2 Hour parking restriction be repealed on the north side of 3rd Avenue from 6th to 7th Streets. (Original request was to repeal the 2 Hour parking restriction on south side of 3rd Avenue from 6th to 7th Streets, after discussion repealing north side restriction was suggested. Commission recommended Approval. Motion by G. McIntyre, seconded by F. Lierman. Voted 7-1)

2. That the existing "Passenger Loading" zone on the south side of 12th Avenue from 19th Street to 100 feet west of 19th Street be repealed. (Due to construction of new entrance church feels zone is no longer needed. Commission recommended Approval. Motion by G. McIntyre, seconded by F. Schmitt. Voted 9-0)

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

1. Request from the East Ridge Drive residents group and Alderman Beach, 10th Ward for “No Parking Any Time” on the north side of East Ridge Drive from Crosby Street to Wood Road. (Due to the discussion of apparent shortage of parking for tenants and guest in the area, the Commission recommended No Action. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by G. Wilson. Voted 9-0)
2. Request from Alderman Thompson-Kelly, 7th Ward, for stop sign control at the following locations:
 - a. Alliance Avenue and Sherman Avenue (Due to the intersection being a “T” intersection and cars on the minor leg already being required to stop, the Commission did not feel that “T” needed to be enforced and recommended No Action. Motion by D. Ward, seconded by D. Person. Voted 9-0)
 - b. N. Avon Street and Taylor Street (Due to the intersection being a “T” intersection and cars on the minor leg already being required to stop, the Commission did not feel that “T” needed to be enforced and recommended No Action. Motion by D. Ward, seconded by F. Lierman. Voted 9-0)

The Traffic Commission laid over the following items:

1. Request from Michael Woldman, 6424 Weaver Road, 61114, and Alderman Wasco, 4th 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. (Commission discussed speeds along Weaver. Commission suggested placing speed trailer on Weaver and Lt. Person stated he would place a speed detail along street. Commission recommended layover of item until more information could be gathered. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by C. Ahlstrand Voted 9-0)
2. 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 layover item pending Board of Education looking into item. Motion by G. Wilson, seconded by F. Lierman. Voted 9-0)

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM. Motion by G. Wilson, seconded by D. Person. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

Wednesday, November 12, 2008 6:00 PM

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Carter
Recording Secretary