

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, May 09, 2012, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. George Zawislak at 6:00 PM.

Members Present

Mr. George Zawislak, Chairman
Mr. Fred Lierman, Vice Chairman
Mr. Dock Ward
Mr. Gregg Wilson, Transportation, School District 205
Mr. Michael Hren, Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Officer William Jacobson, Rockford Police Department
Mr. Mark Marinaro, Rockford Fire Department
Mr. Jeremy Carter, Public Works Department

Members Absent

Mr. Leland Carlson
Alderman Franklin Beach, 10th Ward
Mr. Ron Muzzarelli, Rockford Mass Transit District
Planning Division, Community Development Department

Also Present

Mr. Colin Belle, Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on April 11, 2012, were approved as submitted.

The Traffic Commission recommended the following items:

1. Request from Alderman Bill Timm, 9th Ward, to repeal the existing “No Parking Saturday PM and Sunday AM” restriction on the south side of Bell Avenue from Ridge Avenue to 200 feet west of Ridge Avenue, thus leaving the existing “No Parking Saturday PM and Sunday AM” restriction on the south side of Bell Avenue from Rockton Avenue to 200 feet west of Ridge Avenue. (Commission discussed that Alderman Timm had discussed the request at the April Traffic Commission meeting. Commission recommended approval of repealing the existing “No Parking Saturday PM and Sunday AM” restriction on the south side of Bell Avenue from Ridge Avenue to 200 feet west of Ridge Avenue. Motion by M. Marinaro, seconded by F. Lierman. Voted 7-0)

2. Request from City Staff, in the 9th Ward, to establish a 20 MPH School Speed Limit on Rockton Avenue from Knight Avenue to Custer Avenue. (J. Carter discussed that the signs had been removed when road work was done and they were not reinstalled due to there not being an ordinance. Commission recommended approval of establishing a 20 MPH School Speed Limit on Rockton Avenue from Knight Avenue to Custer Avenue. Motion by G. Wilson, seconded by D. Ward. Voted 7-0)
3. Request from City Staff, in the 13th Ward, to establish a “No Parking Any Time Tow Away Zone” on the east side of Court Street from Chestnut Street to Cedar Street, thus repealing the existing “2 Hour” parking restriction on the east side of Court Street from Chestnut Street to Green Street.
4. Request in the 13th Ward from Deb LoMonaco, U. S. Marshals Service, to establish “US Marshall Parking Only” parking restriction on west side of Court Street from Green Street to Cedar Street, thus leaving the existing “2 Hour” parking restriction on the west side of Court Street from Chestnut Street to Green Street. (J. Carter discussed that he wanted to combine the two parking restrictions into one item, because they both related parking for Federal Courthouse. J. Carter explained that the No Parking Any Time currently signed on the east side of Court Street from Cedar Street to Church Street had been installed as part of the courthouse construction and did not have an ordinance. J. Carter also explained that the U.S. Marshals Service had requested U.S. Marshal parking only on the east side of Court Street not west side as presented in the agenda. Commission recommended approval of establishing a “No Parking Any Time Tow Away Zone” restriction on the east side of Court Street from Chestnut Street to Green Street and a U.S. Marshall Parking Only Tow Away Zone on the east side of Court Street from Green Street to Cedar Street. Motion by J. Carter, seconded by F. Lierman. Voted 7-0)

The Traffic Commission recommended taking “No Action” on the following items:

1. Request from Tina Miley, 3146 Marshall Street, 61109, 6th Ward to establish stop control of Marshall Street stopping for Sawyer Road at the intersection of Marshall Street and Sawyer Road. (Commission discussed low traffic volumes and lack of reported accident to warrant installation of stop control. Commission discussed installation of yield sign at “T” intersection would be redundant. Motion by G. Wilson, seconded by D. Ward. Voted 7-0)

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 PM. Motion by J. Carter, seconded by D. Ward

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

June 13, 2012 6:00 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Carter
Recording Secretary