

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, August 9, 2017, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. Leland Carlson at 6:04 PM.

Members Present

Mr. Leland Carlson, Chairman
Mr. Dock Ward, Vice Chairman
Mr. Mike Slife, Transportation, School District 205
Mr. Vince McLean, Rockford Mass Transit District
Sgt. Ben Boeke, Rockford Police Department
Inv. Mike Rotolo, Rockford Fire Department
Mr. Scott Capovilla, Community Development Department
Mr. Jeremy Carter, Public Works Department

Members Absent

Mr. Fred Lierman
Alderman Joseph Chiarelli, 14th Ward
Mr. Michael Dunn Jr, Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Also Present

Alderman Jonathan Logemann, 2nd Ward

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on July 12, 2017 were approved as submitted.

The Traffic Commission recommended the following items:

1. Request in the 2nd Ward, from Alderman Jonathan Logemann, to establish a “No Parking Any Time” restriction on the east side of Welty Avenue from Greenwood Avenue to 50 feet south of Greenwood Avenue. (Ald. Logemann discussed his concerns about sight distance issues given the retaining wall in south east corner and some overgrown vegetation. He stated he feels restricting parking would give a better view of roadway for vehicles on Greenwood Avenue he had talked with local residents and they were OK with the loss of parking. Commission discussed requesting Public Works remove the shrub in the ROW. Commission recommended establishing a “No Parking Any Time” restriction on the east side of Welty Avenue from Greenwood Avenue to 50 feet south of Greenwood Avenue. Motion by D. Ward, seconded by V. McLean, Voted 7-0)

2. Request in the 2nd Ward, from Alderman Jonathan Logemann, to establish traffic control at the intersection of Rome Avenue and Greenwood Avenue. (Ald. Logemann discussed surrounding streets having yield and stop signs. Commission discussed no accident history and little traffic, but surrounding intersections having traffic control. Commission recommend to establish traffic control of Greenwood Avenue yielding for Rome Avenue. Motion by J. Carter, seconded by V. McLean, Voted 6-1)
3. Request in the 2nd Ward, by Anna Grobe, to repeal the existing stop control of Woodruff Avenue stopping for 16th Avenue at the intersection of Woodruff Avenue and 16th Avenue. (Commission discussed that it is believed the sign is left over from when Woodruff Avenue. Commission discussed that the intersection operated a “T” intersection. Commission recommended establishing traffic control of 16th Avenue stopping before entering the intersection with 18th Street / Woodruff Avenue and repealing the traffic control of 18th stopping for Woodruff Avenue. Motion by V. McLean, seconded by S. Capovilla, Voted 7-0)
4. Request in the 7th Ward, by Jesse Parker, to repeal the existing “No Parking Any Time Except Paratransit” parking restriction on Grant Avenue from 120’ south of Napoleon Street to 140’ south of Napoleon Street. (Commission recommended repealing the existing “No Parking Any Time Except Paratransit” parking restriction on Grant Avenue from 120’ south of Napoleon Street to 140’ south of Napoleon Street. Motion by J. Carter, seconded by V. McLean, Voted 7-0)

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

1. Request in the 10th Ward, by Dan Long, to establish a 3-way stop control at the intersection of Larson Avenue and Shenandoah Avenue, thus repealing the yield control at the intersection of Larson Avenue and Shenandoah Avenue. (Item was laid over from July meeting) (Commission discussed that speed study showed 85% speed. J. Carter commented with that speed it is hard to decide how to fix a problem when it does not appear there is a problem. Commission recommended taking “No Action”. Motion by V. McLean, seconded by D. Ward, Voted 7-0)
2. Request in the 12th Ward, from Aaron Honie Lopez, to establish a No Parking Any Time restriction on the east side of Parke Terrace Drive from 300 feet north of Lombard Street to 380 feet north of Lombard Street. (J. Carter discussed that the requestor complained of people parking in front of his house. Commission recommended taking “No Action”. Motion by Ward, seconded by V. McLean, Voted 7-0)

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 PM. Motion by J. Carter, seconded by S. Capovilla.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

September 12, 2017 6:00 PM.

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

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