

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, January 11, 2017, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. Dock Ward at 6:05 PM.

**Members Present**

Mr. Dock Ward, Chairman  
Mr. Leland Carlson, Vice Chairman  
Alderman Teena Newburg, 9<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Mr. Gregg Wilson, Transportation, School District 205  
Mr. Vince McLean, Rockford Mass Transit District  
Sgt. Ben Boeke, Rockford Police Department  
Mr. Mike Rotolo, Rockford Fire Department  
Mr. Scott Capovilla, Community Development Department  
Mr. Jeremy Carter, Public Works Department

**Members Absent**

Mr. Fred Lierman  
Mr. Michael Dunn Jr, Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning

**Also Present**

Alderman Frank Beach, 10<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Mrs. Susan Woloszyn, 824 Jordan Pl, 61108  
Mr. John Woloszyn, 824 Jordan Pl, 61108  
Ms. Deanna Neuberg, 3606 Wind Point Drive, 66108  
Mr. Tim Hinkens, Public Works Department

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on November 09, 2016 were approved as submitted.

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

1. Request in the 10<sup>th</sup> Ward, from Suzan Woloszyn, to establish traffic control at the intersection of Jordan Place and Larson Avenue, thus repealing the traffic control of Jordan Place yielding for Larson Avenue. (John and Susan Woloszyn and Deanna Neuberg all talked about accidents at the intersection, their perception of speeding issues and that they were requesting an all-way stop. Mrs. Woloszyn presented a photo collage showing crashes and her yard including damage after a car hit her fence. Commission discussed low traffic volumes and uneven split of traffic. Commission discussed 2-way stop compared to all-way stop. Commission explained that 2-way stop should address concerns of accidents. Mr and Mrs. Woloszyn and Ms. Neuberg all expressed they would prefer an all-way stop to a 2-way stop. Ald. Newburg suggested that Commission review 2-way stop in 6 months for consideration of all-way stop if accidents continue. Commission recommended establishing traffic control of Jordan Place be required to stop prior to entering the intersection with Larson Avenue, thus

repealing the traffic control of Jordan Place yielding for Larson Avenue. Motion by T. Newburg, seconded by M. Rotolo. Voted 8-0)

2. Request in the 10<sup>th</sup> Ward, from Alderman Frank Beach, to establish a parking restriction of “No Parking Any Time” on one side of 28<sup>th</sup> Street from Harney Court north to the end of the road. (Item was laid over from November meeting.) (Commission discussed that when cars were parked on both sides of road that emergency responses vehicles could not access the street. Commission discussed this had been an issue according to a citizen on the street. Ald. Beach stated he supported restricting parking on one side of street, but would like the neighborhood to be sent a letter of the change. Commission recommended establishing a parking restriction of “No Parking Any Time” on the east side of 28<sup>th</sup> Street from Harney Court north to the end of the road. Motion by J. Carter, seconded by M. Rotolo. Voted 8-0)
3. Request in the 13<sup>th</sup> Ward, from Mr. Bob Brownlee, to establish a parking restriction of “No Parking Any Time Except for Paratransit” on the north side of Chestnut Street from 140’ west of Foster Avenue to 160’ west of Foster Avenue. (Commission discussed they have established this in the past at other locations. Commission recommended establishing a parking restriction of “No Parking Any Time Except for Paratransit” on the north side of Chestnut Street from 140’ west of Foster Avenue to 160’ west of Foster Avenue. Motion by G. Wilson, seconded by T. Newburg. Voted 8-0)
4. Request in the 13<sup>th</sup> Ward, from Alderman Ann Thompson-Kelly, to establish a parking restriction of “No Parking Any Time” on the east side of Leslie Avenue from Ashland Avenue to Fairview Avenue. (Commission discussed that roadway was difficult to get a vehicle down let alone an emergency vehicle when there is parking on both sides. Commission recommended establishing a parking restriction of “No Parking Any Time” on the east side of Leslie Avenue from Ashland Avenue to Fairview Avenue. Motion by S. Capovilla, seconded by T. Newburg. Voted 8-0)
5. Request in the 12<sup>th</sup> Ward, by Alderman Teena Newburg, to establish a parking restriction of “No Parking Any Time” on the east side of Schalck Drive from Halsted Road to 105’ north of Halsted Road. (Ald. Newburg explained she would like this restriction due to the amount of cars in that area that park on street and due to cars turning the corner. Commission recommended establishing a parking restriction of “No Parking Any Time” on the east side of Schalck Drive from Halsted Road to 105’ north of Halsted Road. Motion by L. Carlson, seconded by G. Wilson. Voted 8-0)
6. Request in the 11<sup>th</sup> Ward, By Alderman Karen Elyea, to repeal the parking restriction of “Commercial Loading Zone” on the north side of Broadway from Arbor Court to 50’ W of Arbor Court, thus restoring unrestricted parking. (Commission recommended repealing the parking restriction of “Commercial Loading Zone” on the north side of Broadway from Arbor Court to 50’ W of Arbor Court, thus restoring unrestricted parking. Motion by V. McLean, seconded by S. Capavilla. Voted 8-0)

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

1. Street Light Requests

Request in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward, from Alderman Thomas McNamara, for additional street lighting at 1708 Post Avenue. (Commission discussed that there is a street light one house to the north east and a street light at the intersection nearby the requestor’s home. Commission recommended taking “No Action”. Motion by L. Carlson, seconded by G. Wilson. Voted 8-0)

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM. Motion by J. Carter, seconded by S. Capovilla.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

**February 8, 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