

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, July 13, 2017, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. Leland Carlson at 6:01 PM.

Members Present

Mr. Leland Carlson, Chairman
Mr. Dock Ward, Vice Chairman
Mr. Fred Lierman
Alderman Frank Beach, 10th Ward
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. Michael Dunn Jr, Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Also Present

Alderman Chad Tuneberg, 3rd Ward
Alderman Bill Rose, 9th Ward
Mr. Dan Long, 4411 Larson Avenue, 61108

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on June 14, 2017 were approved as submitted.

The Traffic Commission recommended the following items:

1. Request in the 14th Ward, from Alderman Joe Chiarelli, to establish a “No Parking Any Time” restriction on both sides of Diane Drive from New Towne Drive to Orchard Avenue. (Item was laid over from June meeting). (J. Carter discussed Alderman would like to see the parking restriction not placed in front of the single family homes. Commission recommended establishing “No Parking Any Time” on both sides the north side of Diane Drive from New Towne Drive to 230 feet west of Orchard Avenue. Motion by J. Carter, seconded by V. McLean, Voted 9-0)
2. Request in the 2nd Ward, from City Staff, to establish a “No Parking Any Time” restriction on the east side of Pearl Street from 170 feet north of Charles Street to 200 feet north of Charles Street. (Commission discussed home owner shared a driveway, and was concerned about pulling out of driveway onto the narrow street. Commission recommended establishing a “No Parking Any Time” restriction on the east side of Pearl Street from 170 feet north of Charles Street to 200 feet north of Charles Street. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by D. Ward. Voted 9-0)

3. Request in the 3rd Ward, by Marvin Keys, First Midwest Group, to establish “Residential Parking” on both sides of Jefferson Street from 175’ East of Church Street to Main Street, thus establishing Residential Parking on both sides of Jefferson Street from Church Street to Main Street. (J. Carter explained that First Midwest Group has new apartments in the area and would like to allow parking. J. Carter explained this permit does not guarantee a space but allows permit holder to disregard time limit. Commission recommended establishing “Residential Parking” on both sides of Jefferson Street from 175’ East of Church Street to Main Street, thus establishing “Residential Parking” on both sides of Jefferson Street from Church Street to Main Street. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by J. Carter. Voted 9-0)

4. Request in the 3rd Ward, by Marvin Keys, First Midwest Group, to establish “Residential Parking” on the east side of Church Street from Jefferson Street to Mulberry Street. (Commission recommended establishing “Residential Parking” on the east side of Church Street from Jefferson Street to Mulberry Street. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by J. Carter. Voted 9-0)

5. Request in the 6th Ward, by Bill Hyde, Rockford Fire Station 7, to establish a “No Parking Any Time” restriction on the north side of Sawyer Road from 19th Street to 200’ west of 19th Street. (Commission discussed this is a request at a new fire station and is requested to allow for fire trucks to back into the fire station. Commission recommended establishing a “No Parking Any Time” restriction on the north side of Sawyer Road from 19th Street to 200’ west of 19th Street. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by D. Ward. Voted 9-0)

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

1. Request in the 11th Ward, from Alderman Tuffy Quinones, to establish traffic control at the intersection of 8th Street and 16th Avenue. (Commission discussed the Alderman had asked for the item to be taken of the agenda. Commission recommended taking “No Action”. Motion by D. Ward, seconded by F. Lierman. Voted 9-0)

The Traffic Commission laid over the following items:

1. Request in the 10th Ward, by Dan Long, to establish 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. (Mr. Long discussed his concerns about speeding on Larson and safety concerns about backing out of driveway. Commission discussed stop signs not being used for speed control. J. Carter asked to lay the item over to place the speed trailer to get an understanding of the speeds. Commission laid item so speed trailer can be deployed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM. Motion by J. Carter, seconded by S. Capovilla.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

August 9, 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