

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, June 14, 2017, 6:00 PM

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

Members Present

Mr. Dock Ward, Chairman
Mr. Leland Carlson, Vice Chairman
Mr. Fred Lierman
Alderman Frank Beach, 10th Ward
Mr. Gregg Wilson, Transportation, School District 205
Mr. Vince McLean, Rockford Mass Transit District
Mr. 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
Sgt. Ben Boeke, Rockford Police Department

Also Present

Alderman Tuffy Quinones, 11th Ward
Mr. Mike Slife, Transportation, School District 205
Mr. Chuck Sicotte, 6690 Barrick Dr, 61114
Mrs. Shaun Sicotte, 6690 Barrick Dr, 61114
Ms. Jackie Wojcik, 6728 Barrick Dr, 61114
Ms. Sharon Brown, 6728 Barrick Dr, 61114
Mr. Donald Bondick, 5153 Diane Ct, 61108
Mr. Jerome Devoe, 5153 Diane Dr, 61108
Mr. Jayson Devoe, 5153 Diane Dr, 61108
Mr. James Skau, 404 Hill St, 61104

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on May 10, 2017 were approved as submitted.

The Traffic Commission recommended the following items:

1. Request in the 1st Ward, from Shaun Sicotte, to establish “No Parking Any Time” on the north side of Barrack Drive from Wishart Drive to 210’ east of Wishart Drive. (Item was referred back to Commission by Codes and Regulation Committee)(J. Carter discussed item was referred back because the Alderman of the ward was not in favor of the item. Ms. Wojcik discussed parking issues in front of her house. She discussed that she is concerned about emergency response vehicle access when parking is on both sides. J. Carter discussed how item would progress if the Commission recommended the restriction again. Commission recommended establishing “No Parking Any Time”

on the north side of Barrack Drive from Reid Farm Road to Knox Drive. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by G. Wilson, Voted 7-1)

2. Request in the 10th Ward, from Alderman Frank Beach, to establish a parking restriction of “No Parking Any Time” on one side of 28th Street from Harney Court north to the end of the road. (Item was referred back to Commission by the Codes and Regulation Committee). Commission discussed Fire Department response concerns. Commission discussed concern of neighborhood for loss of parking. Ald. Beach discussed his desire to find a happy medium. Commission recommended establish a parking restriction of “No Parking Any Time” on the east side of 28th Street from Harney Court to 275’ north of Harney Court. Motion by J. Carter, seconded by F. Lierman, Voted 8-0)

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

1. Request in the 3rd Ward, from James Skau, 404 Hill Street, to establish 4-way stop control at the intersection of 1st Street and Hill Street, thus repealing the 2-way stop control at the intersection of 1st Street and Hill Street. (Commission discussed the intersection appears to have good sight lines, low traffic volume and no history of accidents. Commission recommended taking “No Action”. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by D. Ward. Voted 8-0)
2. Request in the 3rd Ward, from James Skau, 404 Hill Street, to establish 4-way stop control at the intersection of 1st Street and Olive Street, thus repealing the 2-way stop control at the intersection of 1st Street and Olive Street. (Commission discussed the intersection appears to have good sight lines, low traffic volume and no history of accidents. Commission recommended taking “No Action”. Motion by G. Wilson, seconded by F. Lierman,. Voted 8-0)
3. Request in the 11th Ward, from Alderman Tuffy Quinones, to establish traffic control at the intersection of 8th Street and 15th Avenue. (Ald. Quinones discussed that he had requested a different intersection than was on the agenda. Commission recommended taking “No Action”. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by D. Ward. Voted 8-0)
4. Request in the 11th Ward, from Cindy Mattocks, 1802 Bruner Street, to establish stop control at the intersection of Grace Avenue and Bruner Street. (Commission discussed the intersection appears to have good sight lines, low traffic volume and low history of accidents. Commission recommended taking “No Action”. Motion by D. Ward, seconded by F. Lierman. Voted 8-0)
5. Request in the 12th Ward, from Alderman John Beck, to establish traffic control at the intersection of Logan Street and Van Wie Avenue. (Commission discussed the intersection appears to have good sight lines, low traffic volume and low history of accidents. Commission recommended taking “No Action”. Motion by D. Ward, seconded by G. Wilson. Voted 8-0)

6. Request in the 4th Ward, from Christine LaMantia, 4988 Solitude Drive, to establish a turning restriction of “No Left Turns” on Sage Drive at the intersection with Riverside Boulevard. (Commission discussed intergovernmental cooperation need for this item. Commission discussed the large amount of left turns made at the intersection. Commission recommended asking Winnebago County to consider a signalized intersection. Commission recommended taking “No Action”. Motion by G. Wilson, seconded by F. Lierman. Voted 8-0)

The Traffic Commission laid over 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 Newtowne Drive to Orchard Avenue. (Mr. Bondick discussed his support of the restriction and concerns about parking once new development opens. Mr. Devoe discussed he opposition to the restriction. Commision laid item to give Mr. Devoe and opportunity to discuss his concerns with the alderman of the ward.

Other items:

1. Mr. Gregg Wilson announced that this was his last meeting as he was retiring. He introduced his replacement Mr. Mike Slife. The Traffic Commission thanked Mr. Wilson for his 27 years of service to the Traffic Commission, the School District and City of Rockford and wished him the best of luck and congratulations.

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM. Motion by J. Carter, seconded by F. Lierman.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

July 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