

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, March 8, 2017, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. Dock Ward at 6:03 PM.

Members Present

Mr. Dock Ward, Chairman
Mr. Leland Carlson, Vice Chairman
Mr. Fred Lierman
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

Alderman Teena Newburg, 9th Ward
Mr. Michael Dunn Jr, Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Also Present

Mr. Cedrick Ketton, Rockford Mass Transit District
Mr. Tim Hinkens, Public Works Department

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on February 8, 2017 were approved as submitted.

The Traffic Commission recommended the following items:

1. Request in the 6th Ward, from the Rockford Township Highway Commissioner, to reduce the speed limit on Friday Road from South Bend Road to 3000 feet south of South Bend Road from 55mph to 45mph. (J. Carter discussed this request was based on township wanting to lower speed limit and that City owned from 3000 feet south of South Bend Road to Edison Road. Commission discussed County provided speed study of are north of City owned section and physically difficult to reach high speeds. Commission discussed study showing 85 percentile being 57.8 mph. Commission recommended establishing a speed limit of 45 mph on Friday Road from 3000 feet south of South Bend Road to Edison Road, thus repealing the existing 55 mph speed limit. Motion by L. Carlson, seconded by J. Carter. Voted 8-0)

2. Request in the 11th Ward, from Alderman Karen Elyea, to repeal the existing 2-way stop control at the intersection of 7th Street and 23rd Avenue. (Commission discussed that the stop control had been in place since early 1950's. Commission discussed traffic has changed significantly since first installed. Commission discussed that it had previously reviewed requests to put an all-way stop at 7th Street and 23rd Avenue and had denied the request. Commission recommended establishing traffic control of traffic on 7th Street being required to stop prior to entering the intersection with 23rd Avenue, thus repealing the existing all-way stop traffic control. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by S. Capovilla. Voted 8-0)

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

1. Request in the 3rd Ward, from Alderman Thomas McNamara, to establish stop control at the intersection of Stratford Avenue and Buckingham Drive, thus repealing the existing yield control at Stratford Avenue and Buckingham Drive. (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 L. Carlson, seconded by F. Lierman. Voted 8-0)

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM. Motion by G. Wilson, seconded by F. Lierman.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

April 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