

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, October 11, 2017, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. Fred Lierman at 6:00 PM.

**Members Present**

Mr. Fred Lierman, Chairman  
Mr. Dock Ward, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Don Bissell  
Mr. Todd Fagen  
Mr. Michael Smith  
Mr. Mike Slife, Transportation, School District 205  
Inv. Tim Morris, Rockford Fire Department  
Mr. Scott Capovilla, Community Development Department  
Mr. Jeremy Carter, Public Works Department

**Members Absent**

Alderman Tuffy Quinonez, 11<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Mr. Vince McLean, Rockford Mass Transit District  
Sgt. Ben Boeke, Rockford Police Department

**Also Present**

Ms. Eryn Stone, Public Works Department  
Mr. Dave Ewaldz, 4612 Sovereign Blvd, 61108  
Mrs. Adina Ewaldz, 4612 Sovereign Blvd, 61108

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on October 11, 2017 were approved as submitted.

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

1. Request in the 10<sup>th</sup> Ward, from Autumn Fredericks, Unitarian Universalist Church, to establish a 20mph School Speed Limit on Turner Street from Ridgeview Avenue to Flintridge Drive. (Laid over from the October Traffic Commission meeting)  
(Commission discussed that vehicle counts may be off due to increased traffic this week due to accident in area. J. Carter explained that school requested it to get notice out of school at the church. Commission recommended establishing a 20mph School Speed Limit on Turner Street from Ridgeview Avenue to Flintridge Drive. Motion by J. Carter, seconded by T. Fagen, Voted 8-0)

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

1. Request in the 10<sup>th</sup> Ward, from Adina Ewaldz, 4612 Sovereign Blvd to establish 4-way stop control at the intersection of Warren Road and Sovereign Boulevard. (Mrs. Ewaldz discussed that she felt the area was used as a cut through and cars were speeding. T. Fagen discussed the traffic control at surrounding intersections and how this intersection did not have traffic control. He discussed traffic control helping with cut through traffic. F. Lierman discussed that traffic control was not warranted due to lack of accidents and low traffic count history. T. Fagen motioned for approval and D. Bissel seconded the motion. Motion lost vote 3-5, therefore Commission recommended taking “No Action”.)
2. Request in the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward, from Lucas Armstrong, 1013 North Day Avenue, to establish 4-way stop control at the intersection of Arthur Avenue and North Day Avenue, thus repealing the existing 2-way stop at the intersection of Arthur Avenue and North Day Avenue. (Commission discussed the intersection appears to have no sight line issues, low traffic volumes and low history of accidents. T. Fagen discussed Commission taking more active stance on the topic of traffic calming to address citizen’s concerns about traffic safety. Commission recommended taking “No Action”. Motion by D. Ward, seconded by T. Morris. Voted 8-0)
3. Request in the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward, from Tina May, 3307 Parkside Avenue, to establish traffic control at Vermont Street and Arline Avenue. (Commission discussed the intersection appears to have no sight line issues, low traffic volumes and no recent history of accidents. Commission recommended taking “No Action”. Motion by M. Slife, seconded by D. Ward. Voted 8-0)
4. Request in the 11<sup>th</sup> Ward, from Paul Iverson of Iverson Painting, to establish Angle Parking on the west side of 15<sup>th</sup> Street from 40 feet north of 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 120 feet north of 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue. (J. Carter explained this was requested to give adjacent business additional parking but that part of parking area would be located on private parking at part located in the public ROW. Commission discussed effect of parking on green space, concerns about vehicles backing into traffic, and whether the parking was needed. A motion to lay over failed due to lack of second. Commission recommended taking “No Action”. Motion by T. Morris, seconded by S. Capovilla. Voted 7-1)
5. Street Light Request  
Request in the 10<sup>th</sup> Ward, from Curt Samuelson, 1821 24<sup>th</sup> Street for additional street lighting across on 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 23<sup>th</sup> Street and 24<sup>th</sup> Street 2700 block of 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue. (Commission discussed that there is already lights at 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and 24<sup>th</sup> Street. Commission recommended taking no action. Motion by D. Ward, seconded by T. Fagen. Voted 8-0)

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM. Motion by S. Capovilla, seconded by T. Morris.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

**January 10, 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