

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, August 8, 2018, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. Dock Ward at 6:01 PM.

**Members Present**

Mr. Dock Ward, Chairman  
Mr. Don Bissell  
Mr. Todd Fagen  
Mr. Michael Smith  
Alderman Tuffy Quinonez, 11<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Mr. Mike Slife, Transportation, School District 205  
Sgt. David Nicosia, Rockford Police Department  
Mike Rotolo, Rockford Fire Department  
Mr. Scott Capovilla, Community Development Department  
Mr. Jeremy Carter, Public Works Department

**Members Absent**

Mr. Fred Lierman, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Cedrick Ketton, Rockford Mass Transit District

**Also Present**

Mr. Baba Daljit Singh, 714 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue 61104  
Mr. Baljit Singh, 714 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue 61104  
Ms. Mary Beaver, 923 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, 61104  
Mrs. Kerry Lin, Public Works Department

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on July 11, 2018 were approved as submitted.

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

1. Request in the 11<sup>th</sup> Ward, from Baba Daljit Singh, to establish all-way stop at the intersection of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and 4<sup>th</sup> Street, thus repealing the existing traffic control of 4<sup>th</sup> Street stopping for 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. (Item laid over from the July Traffic Commission meeting). Mr. Baba-Ji discussed his concerns of traffic speeding and that a vehicle hit his temple. J. Carter discussed that the intersection does not warrant all-way stop control. Commission discussed changing stop control from north / south to east / west. Commission discussed stop signs at 5<sup>th</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Street and that speeding on this stretch means cars are not obeying the current stop signs, therefore stop signs at 4<sup>th</sup> street may not be effective. Commission recommended establishing stop control of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue stopping for 4<sup>th</sup> Street, thus repealing the existing traffic control of 4<sup>th</sup> Street stopping for 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. Motion by T. Quinonez, seconded by T. Fagen, Voted 6-3)

2. Request in the 12<sup>th</sup> Ward, from Peggy Baugh, to establish No Parking Any Time Except Paratransit on the west side of Auburn Court from 230 feet south of Auburn Road to 250 feet south of Auburn Road. (Commission recommended establishing No Parking Any Time Except Paratransit on the west side of Auburn Court from 230 feet south of Auburn Road to 250 feet south of Auburn Road. Motion by S. Capovilla, seconded by J. Carter, Voted 9-0)

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

1. Request in the 12<sup>th</sup> Ward, from Dawn Watson, to establish traffic control at the intersection of Court Street and Belmont Boulevard. (Commission discussed that the intersection appears to have good sight lines, low traffic volume, and a low history of accidents. Commission recommended taking “No Action”. Motion by D. Bissel, seconded by M. Smith, Voted 9-0)
2. Request in the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward, from Angel Torres, to establish No Parking Any Time on the west side of Nelson Boulevard from Orange Street to Broadway. (Commission discussed that the road appeared to be large enough to get a fire truck through with parking on both sides. Commission discussed not seeing a public safety or traffic safety concern to limit parking. Commission recommended taking “No Action”. Motion by S. Capovilla, seconded by D. Nicosia, Voted 9-0)
3. Request in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward, from Geronimo Cooper, to establish traffic control at the intersection of Winthrop Lane and Pioneer Drive. (Commission discussed that the intersection appears to have good sight lines, low traffic volume, and a low history of accidents. Commission recommended taking “No Action”. Motion by M. Smith, seconded by D. Bissel, Voted 9-0)

**The Traffic Commission laid over the following item:**

1. Request in the 11<sup>th</sup> Ward, from Mary Beaver, to establish all-way stop at the intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> Street and 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, thus repealing the existing one-way stop at the intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> Street and 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. (Commission discussed many issues with the intersection. Commission laid the item over in order to get information regarding the number of accidents that were results of impaired drivers)

**Other items:**

1. J. Carter updated the Commission at their request on the all-way stop that had been established at State Street and Main Street, 6 months earlier. He discussed that only one accident had occurred since the change. Commission also discussed that traffic has backed up into the intersection of Wyman Street and State Street but only during large events at the BMO Harris Bank Center. B. Bissel stated he believes the changes has made the intersection safer. Commission asked for another update in 6 months.

2. J. Carter gave an update on the public meeting regarding the temporary traffic calming planned at Chelsea Avenue and Brendenwood Road and that staff hoped to start the pilot program in late August.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM. Motion by S. Capovilla, seconded by M. Slife

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

**September 12, 2018 6:00 PM.**

Rockford City Hall  
425 East State Street  
2nd floor, Conference Room A

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeremy A. Carter, P.E.  
Recording Secretary