

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, February 14, 2018, 6:00 PM

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

**Members Present**

Mr. Fred Lierman, Chairman

Mr. Dock Ward, Vice Chairman

Mr. Don Bissell

Mr. Todd Fagen

Alderman Tuffy Quinonez, 11<sup>th</sup> Ward

Mr. Mike Slife, Transportation, School District 205

Mr. Vince McLean, Rockford Mass Transit District

Mike Rotolo, Rockford Fire Department

Mr. Scott Capovilla, Community Development Department

Mr. Jeremy Carter, Public Works Department

**Members Absent**

Mr. Michael Smith

Sgt. David Nicosia, Rockford Police Department

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on January 10, 2018 were approved as submitted.

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

1. Request in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward from City Staff, to establish all-way stop at the intersection of State Street and Main Street, thus repealing the existing 2-way stop condition at the intersection. (J. Carter discussed that there is a history of accidents at the intersection. He also discussed his concerns that a 4-way stop would back traffic up into Wyman Street, which is a state route. In addition he expressed concern about the bottle neck it will create for cars exiting the State and Main Parking Deck. Commission discussed that there do not appear to be pedestrian issues. Commission also discussed parking could be removed to create better sight lines. Commission discussed installing the 4-way stop and monitoring it and removing if problems are created. Commission recommended establishing all-way stop at the intersection of State Street and Main Street, thus repealing the existing 2-way stop condition at the intersection. Motion by D. Bissell, seconded by V. McLean, Voted 9-0)

2. Request in the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward by Alderman Venita Hervey, to establish a 2 hour, Monday thru Friday, 6am to 5pm parking restriction on both sides of Christina Street from Blackhawk Park Avenue south to the end of Christina Street. (J.Carter discussed that the alderman of the ward had worked with City Staff and RPS 205 on these requests to try to address neighborhood parking concerns due to bus drivers parking around the bus facility. Concerns included parking in the neighborhood to the south so residents could not park and parking close to corners and blocking vision triangles. Commission recommended establishing a 2 hour, Monday thru Friday, 6am to 5pm parking restriction on both sides of Christina Street from Blackhawk Park Avenue south to the end of Christina Street. Motion by M. Slife, seconded by T. Fagen, Voted 9-0)
3. Request in the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward by Alderman Venita Hervey, to establish a 2 hour, Monday thru Friday, 6am to 5pm parking restriction on both sides of Magnolia Street from Blackhawk Park Avenue to Seminary Street. (Commission recommended establishing a 2 hour, Monday thru Friday, 6am to 5pm parking restriction on both sides of Magnolia Street from Blackhawk Park Avenue to Seminary Street. Motion by M. Slife, seconded by T. Fagen, Voted 9-0)
4. Request in the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward by Alderman Venita Hervey, to establish a No Parking Any Time parking restriction on both sides of Blackhawk Park Avenue from Christina Street to 50 feet east of Christina Street. (Commission recommended establishing a No Parking Any Time parking restriction on both sides of Blackhawk Park Avenue from Christina Street to 50 feet east of Christina Street. Motion by M. Slife, seconded by T. Fagen, Voted 9-0)
5. Request in the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward by Alderman Venita Hervey, to establish a No Parking Any Time parking restriction on both sides of Christina Street from Blackhawk Park Avenue to 50 feet north of Blackhawk Park Avenue. (Commission recommended establishing a No Parking Any Time parking restriction on both sides of Christina Street from Blackhawk Park Avenue to 50 feet north of Blackhawk Park Avenue. Motion by M. Slife, seconded by T. Fagen, Voted 9-0)
6. Request in the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward by Alderman Venita Hervey, to establish a No Parking Any Time parking restriction on both sides of Christina Street from 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 30 feet north of 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue. (Commission recommended establishing a No Parking Any Time parking restriction on both sides of Christina Street from 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 30 feet north of 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Motion by M. Slife, seconded by T. Fagen, Voted 9-0)
7. Request in the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward by Alderman Venita Hervey, to establish a No Parking Any Time parking restriction on both sides of 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue Christina Street from Christina Street to 30 feet east of Christina Street. (Commission recommended establishing a No Parking Any Time parking restriction on both sides of 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue Christina Street from Christina Street to 30 feet east of Christina Street. Motion by M. Slife, seconded by T. Fagen, Voted 9-0)

8. Request in the 13<sup>th</sup> Ward by James Johnson of RMTD, to remove public parking on the north side of West State Street from Court Street to Winnebago Street. (Commission discussed this request had previously been discussed the previous month when RMTD presented a request to eliminated two parking spaces. Commission discussed this would be part of the ultimate plan for the site when bus drop-off/pick-up would occur on-street. Staff discussed that the loss of parking should not be an issue as there is ample parking within the area. Commission recommended to remove public parking on the north side of West State Street from Court Street to Winnebago Street. Motion by V. McLean, seconded by D. Ward T. Fagen, Voted 9-0)
9. Request in the 13<sup>th</sup> Ward by James Johnson of RMTD, to remove public parking on the west side of Court Street from West State Street to Mulberry Street. (Commission recommended to remove public parking on the west side of Court Street from West State Street to Mulberry Street. Motion by V. McLean, seconded by D. Ward T. Fagen, Voted 9-0)

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

1. Request in the 9<sup>th</sup> Ward by Alderman Bill Rose, to establish yield control at the intersection of Bruce Street and Grace 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 M. Rotolo, seconded by D. Ward,. Voted 9-0)
2. Request in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward by Ben Strandler, to establish traffic control at the intersection of Rockford Avenue and Oaklawn Avenue. (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 D. Bissel, seconded by S. Capovilla. Voted 9-0)
3. Request in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward by Ben Strandler, to establish traffic control at the intersection of Rockford Avenue and Princeton Avenue. (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 V. McLean, seconded by D. Bissel. Voted 9-0)

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

1. Request in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward by Matt Becker, to establish traffic control at the intersection of Brookfield Road and Abbotsford Road. (J. Carter discussed that vehicle counter died during traffic counts and staff was unable to complete count. Commission laid item so staff could complete traffic count.)

**Other items:**

1. J. Carter gave an update on the possibility of a bike share program regionally.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM. Motion by S. Capovilla, seconded by V. McLean.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

**February 14, 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