

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, January 10, 2018, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Mr. Dock Ward at 6:05 PM.

Members Present

Mr. Dock Ward, Vice Chairman
Mr. Don Bissell
Mr. Todd Fagen
Mr. Michael Smith
Alderman Tuffy Quinonez, 11th Ward
Mr. Mike Slife, Transportation, School District 205
Mr. Vince McLean, Rockford Mass Transit District
Mr. Scott Capovilla, Community Development Department
Mr. Jeremy Carter, Public Works Department

Members Absent

Mr. Fred Lierman, Chairman
Sgt. Ben Boeke, Rockford Police Department
Inv. Tim Morris, Rockford Fire Department

Also Present

Mr. Pablo Solares, Public Works Department
Mr. James Johnson, 520 Mulberry St. 61101
Mr. Jeff Linkeheld, 5291 Zenith Pkwy, 61111
Mr. Joseph Winkleman, 4949 Harrison Ave #100, 61108

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

The Traffic Commission recommended the following items:

1. Request in the 13th Ward, from James Johnson of RMTD, to establish a No Parking Anytime parking restriction on the north side of West State Street from Court Street to 90 feet west of Court Street, thus removing two parking spaces. (Mr. Johnson, Mr. Linkeheld, Mr. Winkleman, presented plans for a renovations to the downtown RMTD transfer station. They presented Phase 1 which required the removal of parking for expanded sidewalks and landscaping. The group presented the full build plan. Commission had questions about operations and pedestrian circulation. Commission recommended establishing a parking restriction on the north side of West State Street from Court Street to 90 feet west of Court Street. Motion by V. McLean, seconded by T. Fagen, Voted 8-0)

2. Request in the 5th Ward, from City Staff, to repeal the existing No Parking 7pm to 10pm parking restriction on the both sides of Central Avenue from Loomis Street to Harding Street, thus reestablishing unrestricted parking. (Commission discussed this restriction was placed due to complaints many years ago about people congregating late at night. J. Carter explained it was felt the restriction was no longer needed and that while the ordinance book stated the No Parking was from 7pm to 10pm the signage read only on Sundays. Commission recommended repealing the parking restriction on the both sides of Central Avenue from Loomis Street to Harding Street. Motion by V. McLean, seconded by D. Bissell, Voted 8-0)
3. Request in the 5th Ward, from City Staff, to repeal the existing No Parking 7pm to 10pm parking restriction on the both sides of Montague Street from Central Avenue to Rose Avenue, thus reestablishing unrestricted parking. (Commission recommended repealing the parking restriction on the both sides of Montague Street from Central Avenue to Rose Avenue. Motion by V. McLean, seconded by D. Bissell, Voted 8-0)
4. Request in the 5th Ward, from City Staff, to repeal the existing No Parking 7pm to 10pm parking restriction on the both sides of Montague Street from Central Avenue to Montague Road, thus reestablishing unrestricted parking. (Commission recommended repealing the parking restriction on the both sides of Montague Street from Central Avenue to Montague Road,. Motion by V. McLean, seconded by D. Bissell, Voted 8-0)
5. Request in the 7th Ward, from Simeon Bartz, to establish traffic control at the intersection of Yonge Street and Evergreen Avenue. (Commission discussed the intersection was a “T” intersection and there was not a stop sign on Evergreen Avenue. Commission discussed installing a stop sign on Evergreen Avenue to “enforce the T”. Commission recommended establishing traffic control of Evergreen Avenue stopping for Yonge Street. Motion by T. Fagen, seconded by J. Carter, Voted 8-0)

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

1. Request in the 11th Ward, from Paul Iverson of Iverson Painting, to establish Angle Parking on the west side of 15th Street from 40 feet north of 20th Avenue to 120 feet north of 20th Avenue. (Item was referred back to Commission by Alderman of the Ward.) (J. Carter discussed that Mr. Iverson had withdrawn his request. Commission recommended taking “No Action”. Motion by J. Carter, seconded by V. McLean. Voted 8-0)

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM. Motion by S. Capovilla, seconded by J. Carter.

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