

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, January 9, 2019, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dock Ward at 6:00 PM.

Members Present

Mr. Dock Ward, Chairman
Mr. Fred Lierman, Vice Chairman
Mr. Don Bissell
Mr. Michael Smith
Mr. Mike Slife, Transportation, School District 205
Mr. Cedrick Ketton, Rockford Mass Transit District
Mr. Mike Rotolo, Rockford Fire Department
Mr. Scott Capovilla, Community Development Department (Arrived 6:30pm)
Mr. Jeremy Carter, Public Works Department

Members Absent

Alderman Joseph Chiarelli, 14th Ward
Sgt. David Nicosia, Rockford Police Department
Mr. Todd Fagen

Also Present

Mr. Mark Roth, 1812 10th Street, 61104
Mr. Kerry Partridge, Legal Department
Mrs. Kerry Lin, Public Works Department

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on November 28, 2018 were approved as submitted. There was no December meeting.

The Traffic Commission recommended the following items:

1. Request in the 11th Ward, by Mark Roth, 1804 10th Street, to establish all-way stop at the intersection of 10th Street and 17th Avenue, thus repealing the existing 17th Avenue yielding for 10th Street. (Mr. Roth discussed concerns about speeds on 10th Street. Commission discussed stop signs not controlling speed. Commission discussed low traffic volumes and no accident history so stop signs were not warranted. Commission recommended establishing traffic control of 10th Street yielding for 17th Avenue, thus repealing the existing traffic control of 17th Avenue yielding for 10th Street. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by D. Bissell, Voted 8-0)

2. Request in the 10th Ward, by Joseph Schlickman, 820 28th Street, to repeal the existing No Parking 7AM to 4pm on both sides of 28th Street from Charles Street to 386' north of Charles Street. (Commission discussed that restriction was put into place to keep students from parking in this area and around the school on public streets. Commission discussed that with the new parking lot, students will probably not park across Charles Street and the removal should not affect neighborhood parking. M. Smith raised the concern of pedestrian safety if students did park across Charles Street as there are no pedestrian crossing accommodations across Charles Street in the area. Commission recommended repealing the existing No Parking 7AM to 4pm on both sides of 28th Street from Charles Street to 386' north of Charles Street, thus restoring unrestricted parking. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by S.Capovilla, Voted 7-1)
3. Request in the 2nd Ward, by Mark Ackerman, to establish a No Parking 7:00am to 4:00pm Monday through Friday parking restriction on the west side of 12th Street from State Street to 2nd Avenue, thus repealing the existing No Parking 7:00am to 4:00pm parking restriction on the west side of 12th Street from State Street to 2nd Avenue. (J. Carter discussed that when this restriction was passed a few months ago, it was passed without a day of week restriction and this is what the requestor wants. J. Carter stated that the business which made the initial request was fine with the change. Commission recommended establishing a No Parking 7:00am to 4:00pm Monday through Friday parking restriction on the west side of 12th Street from State Street to 2nd Avenue, thus repealing the existing No Parking 7:00am to 4:00pm parking restriction on the west side of 12th Street from State Street to 2nd Avenue. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by J. Carter, Voted 8-0)

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

1. Request in the 4th Ward, by Frank Licari, 6364 Palo Verde Drive, to establish all-way stop at the intersection of Palo Verde Drive and Calderwood Drive, thus repealing the existing Calderwood Drive yielding for Palo Verde Drive. (Commission discussed that the intersection appears to have good sight lines, a low traffic volume, and no reported history of accidents. Commission discussed there does not appear to be a speeding issue per the speed study that was performed. Commission recommended taking “No Action”. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by M. Slife, Voted 8-0)
2. Request in the 11th Ward, by Walter Mack, 401 7th Street, to establish all-way stop at the intersection of 7th Street and 3rd Avenue, thus repealing the existing 3rd Avenue stopping for 7th Street. (J. Carter discussed the history of traffic control on 7th Street with removal of signals and public engagement for proposed traffic control. J. Carter said he has not received any complaints until now from residents or businesses in the area. Commission discussed that the traffic flows very well in the area and speeds appear to be acceptable. Commission recommended taking “No Action”. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by M. Rotolo, Voted 8-0)

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 PM. Motion by D. Bissell, seconded by J. Carter.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

February 13, 2019 6:00 PM.

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

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