

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, July 11, 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. Fred Lierman, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Don Bissell  
Mr. Michael Smith  
Alderman Tuffy Quinonez, 11<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Mr. Mike Slife, Transportation, School District 205  
Mr. Cedrick Ketton, Rockford Mass Transit District  
Mike Rotolo, Rockford Fire Department  
Mr. Scott Capovilla, Community Development Department  
Mr. Jeremy Carter, Public Works Department

**Members Absent**

Mr. Todd Fagen  
Sgt. David Nicosia, Rockford Police Department

**Also Present**

Mrs. Beth Grobe, 2216 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 61104  
Ms. Anna Grobe, 2216 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 61104  
Mrs. Kerry Lin, Public Works Department

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on June 13, 2018 were approved as submitted.

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

1. Request in the 8<sup>th</sup> Ward, from Stenstrom Excavation, to establish No Parking Any Time Parking restriction on the east side of 20<sup>th</sup> Street from Center Street to 60 feet south of Center Street. (Staff requested item be laid over to continue to try to reach business that will be affected by the proposed change. Commission laid item over at request of staff.) (J. Carter stated staff had made contact with business adjacent to the request and they were OK with the request. Commission recommended establishing No Parking Any Time Parking restriction on the east side of 20<sup>th</sup> Street from Center Street to 60 feet south of Center Street. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by M. Rotolo, Voted 9-0)

2. Request by City Staff to amend Chapter 16 Sections 186, 188, and 189 of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances. (J. Carter explained these changes will allow the City to fine private property for not meeting the American Disability Act parking requirements. J. Carter explained that currently citizens and advocacy groups must contact the Illinois Attorney General which can take six months to address the complaint. Commission recommended amending Chapter 16 Sections 186, 188, and 189 of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances per proposed changes. Motion by J. Carter, seconded by S. Capovilla, Voted 9-0)

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

1. Request in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward, from Anna Grobe, to establish No Parking Any Time Parking restriction on one side of 18<sup>th</sup> Street from Broadway to 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue. (Item was laid over from the June meeting at the request of the requestor.) (Ms. Grobe spoke to parking concerns on both 18<sup>th</sup> Street and 19<sup>th</sup> Street. She stated the neighborhood was concerned that parking on both sides of the road make entering and exiting the neighborhood difficult. She also stated that cars park close to Broadway and there is a vision triangle issue. Commission discussed the full removal of parking on one side of the road and that it could affect residents along the street. Commission recommended placing No Parking Here to Corner sign 30 feet from the stop sign at Broadway per City Ordinance. Commission recommended taking “No Action”. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by T. Quinonez. Voted 9-0)
2. Request in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward, from Anna Grobe, to establish No Parking Any Time Parking restriction on one side of 19<sup>th</sup> Street from Broadway to 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue. (Item was laid over from the June meeting at the request of the requestor.) (Commission recommended placing No Parking Here to Corner sign 30 feet from the stop sign at Broadway per City Ordinance. Commission recommended taking “No Action”. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by T. Quinonez. Voted 9-0)
3. Request in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward, from Anna Grobe, to establish No Parking Any Time Parking restriction on one side of 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 18<sup>th</sup> Street to 20<sup>th</sup> Street. (Requestor requested item be laid over so neighborhood could get better organized on item. Commission laid item over at request of requestor.) (Ms. Grobe asked that the item be removed, based on responses from residents on the street. Commission recommended taking “No Action”. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by T. Quinonez. Voted 9-0)

4. Request in the 14<sup>th</sup> Ward, from Alderman Joe Chiarelli, to establish all-way stop at the intersection of Charlotte Drive and Forest View Avenue, thus repealing the existing traffic control of Forest View Avenue stopping for Charlotte Drive. (Item was referred back by City Council) (Commission discussed that the intersection has good sight lines, low traffic volume, a low history of accidents, and slow speeds per the speed trailer study. J. Carter stated that the neighborhood is concerned about speed along the street and he would be looking into possible traffic calming measures. Commission recommended taking “No Action”. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by M. Slife. Voted 9-0)

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

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. (Alderman Quinonez requested the item be laid over. Commission laid the item over at the request of the Alderman.)

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM. Motion by S. Capovilla, seconded by F. Lierman

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

**August 8, 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