

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, June 13, 2018, 6:00 PM

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

**Members Present**

Mr. Dock Ward, Chairman

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

Sgt. David Nicosia, Rockford Police Department

Tim Morris, Rockford Fire Department

Mr. Scott Capovilla, Community Development Department

Mr. Jeremy Carter, Public Works Department

**Members Absent**

Mr. Fred Lierman, Vice Chairman

Mr. Don Bissell

Mr. Todd Fagen

**Also Present**

Mrs. Pam Skeels, 2412 Grant Avenue, 61103

Mrs. Nancy Spahr, 2917 Highcrest Road, 61107

Mr. Tracy Spahr, 2917 Highcrest Road, 61107

Ms. Julie Castree, 1624 Westchester Drive, 61107

Ms. Nancy Esterl, 2920 Highcrest Road, 61107

Mrs. Michelle Strand, 2916 Highcrest Road, 61107

Mrs. Kerry Lin, Public Works Department

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on May 8, 2018 were approved as submitted.

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

1. Request in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward, from Pam Skeels of Heartwood Creations, 225 12<sup>th</sup> Street, to establish a No Parking 7:00am to 4:00pm parking restriction on the west side of 12<sup>th</sup> Street from State Street to 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, thus repealing the existing No Parking 8:00am to 5:00pm on the west side of 12<sup>th</sup> Street from 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to 220 feet north of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. (Commission discussed items 1 thru 4 which were all related. Pam Skeels discussed her business and the need to create a new way for trucks to get to her business, since 12<sup>th</sup> Street was closed south of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. Commission recommended establishing a No Parking 7:00am to 4:00pm parking restriction on the west side of 12<sup>th</sup> Street from State Street to 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, thus repealing the existing No Parking 8:00am to 5:00pm on

the west side of 12<sup>th</sup> Street from 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to 220 feet north of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. Motion by D. Nicosia, seconded by T. Quinonez, Voted 8-0)

2. Request in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward, from Pam Skeels of Heartwood Creations, 225 12<sup>th</sup> Street, to establish a No Parking 7:00am to 4:00pm parking restriction on the east side of 12<sup>th</sup> Street from State Street to 100 feet south of State Street. (Commission recommended establishing a No Parking 7:00am to 4:00pm parking restriction on the east side of 12<sup>th</sup> Street from State Street to 100 feet south of State Street. Motion by D. Nicosia, seconded by T. Quinonez, Voted 8-0)
3. Request in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward, from Pam Skeels of Heartwood Creations, 225 12<sup>th</sup> Street, to establish a No Parking 7:00am to 4:00pm parking restriction on both sides of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue from 12<sup>th</sup> Street to 220 feet west of 12<sup>th</sup> Street. (Commission recommended establishing a No Parking 7:00am to 4:00pm parking restriction on both sides of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue from 12<sup>th</sup> Street to 220 feet west of 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Motion by D. Nicosia, seconded by T. Quinonez, Voted 8-0)
4. Request in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward, from Pam Skeels of Heartwood Creations, 225 12<sup>th</sup> Street, to establish a No Parking 7:00am to 4:00pm parking restriction on the south side of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue from 12<sup>th</sup> Street to 100 feet east of 12<sup>th</sup> Street, thus repealing the existing 2-Hour Parking on the south side of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue from 12<sup>th</sup> Street to 100 feet east of 12<sup>th</sup> Street. (Commission recommended establishing a No Parking 7:00am to 4:00pm parking restriction on the south side of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue from 12<sup>th</sup> Street to 100 feet east of 12<sup>th</sup> Street, thus repealing the existing 2-Hour Parking on the south side of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue from 12<sup>th</sup> Street to 100 feet east of 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Motion by D. Nicosia, seconded by T. Quinonez, Voted 8-0)
5. Request in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward, from Alderman Jonathan Logemann, to establish yield control at the intersection of London Avenue and Greenwood Avenue. (Commission discussed there was a low vehicle and accident history, however there appears to be sight line issue for eastbound traffic looking south that requires them to have to pull out closer to intersection. Commission recommended establishing traffic control of London Avenue yielding for Greenwood Avenue. Motion by J. Carter, seconded by D. Nicosia, Voted 8-0)

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

1. Request in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward, from Justin Fern, to establish 2-Hour Parking on both sides of East State Street from Madison Street to 1<sup>st</sup> Street, thus repealing the existing 1-Hour parking restriction on E State Street from Madison Street to 1<sup>st</sup> Street. (J. Carter discussed the locations of 2 hour and 3 hour parking in close proximity to the requested location. Commission discussed how 1 hour parking promotes parking turnover and can give the appearance of ample open on-street parking. Commission recommended taking “No Action”. Motion by M. Smith, seconded by D. Nicosia. Voted 8-0)

2. 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. (Commission discussed that the intersection appears to have good sight lines, low traffic volume, a low history of accidents and slow speeds per the speed trailer study. Commission recommended taking “No Action”. Motion by S. Capovilla, seconded by T. Morris. Voted 7-1)

**The Traffic Commission laid over 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. (Requestor requested item be laid over so neighborhood could get better organized on item. Commission laid item over at request of requestor.)
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. (Requestor requested item be laid over so neighborhood could get better organized on item. Commission laid item over at request of requestor.)
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.)
4. 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.)

**Other items:**

1. Mr. and Mrs. Spahr, Ms. Castree, Ms. Esterl, and Mrs. Strand all discussed traffic and speed concerns along Highcrest Road near the top of the hill coming east from Springcreek Road. Commission discussed possible striping changes to the roadway for traffic calming. J. Carter stated he would set meeting with the ward alderman and the group to discuss.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM. Motion by S. Capovilla, seconded by T. Quinonez.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

**July 11, 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