

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD
Wednesday, June 10, 2020, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Bissell at 6:05 PM.

Members Present

Mr. Don Bissell, Chairman
Mr. Fred Lierman, Vice Chairman
Ms. Dorien Peterson
Mr. Dock Ward
Mr. Todd Fagen
Sgt. Jason DoBran, Rockford Police Department
Mr. Mike Rotolo, Rockford Fire Department
Mr. Mike Slife, Transportation, School District 205
Mr. Cedrick Ketton, Rockford Mass Transit District
Alderman Joseph Chiarelli, 14th Ward
Mr. Scott Capovilla, Community Development Department
Mrs. Kerry Lin, Public Works Department

Members Absent

None

Also Present

Ms. Amy Manganelli, Mapleglen Care Center
Mr. Gino Galluzzo, Galluzzo Law Group
Mr. Jeremy Carter, Public Works Department
Mr. Glenn Trommels, Information Technology Director

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on March 11, 2020, were approved as submitted.

The Traffic Commission recommended the following items:

1. Request in the 14th Ward, by Advanced Chimney Systems, 3486 Lonergan Drive, to establish “No Parking Any Time” on the east side of Lonergan Drive from Sandy Hollow Road to Stenstrom Road. (Commission discussed the difficulties of the turning movement off Sandy Hollow Road if parking is allowed in this area as well as the impact to a bus stop along the east side of Lonergan Drive. Commission recommended establishing “No Parking Any Time” on the east side of Lonergan Drive from Sandy Hollow Road to Stenstrom Road. Motion by S. Capovilla, seconded by D. Peterson, Voted 11-0).
2. Request in the 14th Ward, from Gino Galluzzo, representing Mapleglen Care Center, to establish a parking restriction of “No Parking During Certain Hours” on both sides of Stenstrom Road from Lonergan Drive to the east end of Stenstrom Road, thus repealing

- the existing parking restriction of “No Parking Anytime” from Lonergan Drive to the east end of Stenstrom Road. (Gino Galluzzo, representing Mapleglen Care Center, presented the request to remove the “No Parking Any Time” restriction on Stenstrom Road. He proposed a compromise that would limit parking during different times of the day on each side of the street. He commented that the Center would accept a longer restriction on the south side as there were more loading docks to the businesses on that side of the street. Commission recommended establishing “No Parking 7:00am to 4:00pm Monday through Friday” on the south side, and “No Parking 7:00am to 12:00pm Monday through Friday” on the north side of Stenstrom Road from Lonergan Drive to the east end of Stenstrom Road. Motion by K. Lin, seconded by D. Bissell, Voted 11-0).
3. Request in the 11th Ward, from Nancy Clark, VFW Post 5149, to establish handicapped parking on the east side of 7th Street from 130 feet north of 9th Avenue to 80 feet north of 9th Avenue. (J. Carter explained the request and commented that City staff supports the request. Commission recommended establishing handicapped parking on the east side of 7th Street from 130 feet north of 9th Avenue to 80 feet north of 9th Avenue. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by D. Ward, Voted 11-0).
 4. Request in the 5th Ward, by City Staff, to repeal the existing parking restriction of “No Parking Any Time” on the east side of Christina Street from 175 feet south of 18th Avenue to 575 feet south of 18th Avenue. (K. Lin explained that construction along Christina Street is removing the perpendicular parking in this area and that the City and RPS Transportation approves moving this parking to on-street. Commission recommended repealing “No Parking Any Time” on the east side of Christina Street from 175 feet south of 18th Avenue to 575 feet south of 18th Avenue. Motion by M. Slife, seconded by F. Lierman, Voted 11-0).
 5. Request in the 10th Ward, by Michael Slife, Executive Director of Transportation of Rockford Public Schools, to repeal the existing parking restriction of “No Parking – Bus Stop” on the south side of Harney Court from Fairview Avenue to 195 feet west of Hawthorne Avenue. (M. Slife described the parking lot project at the Fairview Early Childhood Center. Currently buses park along Harney Court but this parking is being relocated to the parking lot. Opening up this area for parent parking will ideally alleviate some parking from Fairview Avenue. Commission recommended repealing “No Parking – Bus Stop” on the south side of Harney Court from Fairview Avenue to 195 feet west of Hawthorne Avenue. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by D. Ward, Voted 11-0).

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

1. Request in the 7th Ward, by John Gianoli, 727 Reynolds Street, to establish “No Parking Any Time” on one side of North Avenue from John Street to Napoleon Street. (M. Rotolo commented that the RFD would support a one-side parking restriction. Two residents expressed concern about the restriction and the impact it would have on the availability of parking. Many properties share common driveways. D. Peterson and D. Bissell expressed concern about the impact to speed this restriction may have.

Commission recommended taking “No Action”. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by D. Peterson, Voted 11-0).

Other items:

1. The Commission welcomed new member Sgt. Jason DoBran.

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM. Motion by D. Peterson, seconded by F. Lierman.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

July 8, 2020 6:00 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Kerry R. Lin, P.E.
Recording Secretary