

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, October 10, 2018, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Jeremy Carter at 6:00 PM.

**Members Present**

Mr. Don Bissell

Mr. Todd Fagen

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

Mike Rotolo, Rockford Fire Department

Mr. Scott Capovilla, Community Development Department (Arrived 6:30pm)

Mr. Jeremy Carter, Public Works Department

**Members Absent**

Mr. Dock Ward, Chairman

Mr. Fred Lierman, Vice Chairman

Mr. Michael Smith

**Also Present**

Ms. Mary Beaver, 923 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, 61104

Mr. Doug Patton, 1347 N. Lynnville Road, 61049

Mr. Tim Schramm, P.O. Box 737 Roscoe, IL 60173

Dir. Mark Stockman, Public Works Department

Assistant Deputy Chief Kevin Ogden, Police Department

Mrs. Kerry Lin, Public Works Department

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on September 12, 2018 were approved as submitted.

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

1. Request in the 9<sup>th</sup> Ward, from Alderman Bill Rose, to establish a parking restriction of “No Parking 10pm to 6am” on both sides of Sablewood Drive from Halsted Road south to the end of Sablewood Drive. (J. Carter discussed that the request came from the Alderman of the Ward and the Police to help with enforcement in an area that was experiencing some crime problems. Commission discussed street lighting and parking along the roadway. Commission recommended establishing a parking restriction of “No Parking 10pm to 6am” on both sides of Sablewood Drive from Halsted Road south to the end of Sablewood Drive. Motion by D. Nicosia, seconded by J. Carter, Voted 9-0)

2. Request in the 13<sup>th</sup> Ward, from Mohammad Homad, 3001 West State Street, to establish angle parking on Willard Avenue from 30 feet north of West State Street to 125 feet north of West State Street. (J. Carter discussed request and possibility that the requested parking may not fit within allowed space. Commission discussed different angle parking options and effects on traffic. T. Fagen questioned if amount of perceived small traffic on Willard Avenue even needed to be a concern with the parking. J. Carter explained difference in angle and terrace parking and asked the Traffic Commission to recommend approval of both angle and terrace parking, so staff could work with the business owner to get proper parking configuration given roadway limits. Commission recommended establishing angle or terrace parking on Willard Avenue from 30 feet north of West State Street to 125 feet north of West State Street. Motion by T. Fagen, seconded by J. Carter, Voted 9-0)
  
3. Request in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward, from Mike Williams with Jackson Charter School to establish a parking restriction of No Parking- Bus Stop on the south side of Benton Street from Summit Street to 215 feet east of Summit Street. (J. Carter discussed that this is currently where the buses drop off for the charter school. He also discussed that school would like new signs and city will install but wanted to place an actual ordinance. Commission recommended establishing a parking restriction of No Parking- Bus Stop on the south side of Benton Street from Summit Street to 215 feet east of Summit Street. Motion by M. Slife, seconded by S. Capovilla, Voted 9-0)

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

1. Request in the 11<sup>th</sup> Ward, from Mary Beaver, to establish all-way stop at the intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> Street and 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, thus repealing the existing one-way stop at the intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> Street and 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. ( Item laid over from the August & September Traffic Commission meeting) (Ms. Beaver discussed history of the request along with history of accidents including vehicle to vehicle and accidents that have hit her building and guardrail at the intersection. T. Fagen discussed the paper he had presented to the Traffic Commission that included accident history of the intersection and locations of all-way stops in the area. He also discussed streets where there were all-way stops along 6<sup>th</sup> Street and where roadways stopped for 6<sup>th</sup> Street. He stated he believed, due to the nature of 6<sup>th</sup> Street, that drivers have expectations that traffic along 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue would stop for 6<sup>th</sup> Street. T. Fagen talked about the severity of accidents and damage costs from the accident reports. T. Fagen discussed the history of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Design and that it stresses the use of engineering judgement in the placement of stop control and is a guideline for decision making. J. Carter stated every member should ask the question “does an all-way stop make the intersection better?” He stated if you believe it does, you should vote for an all-way stop. J. Carter informed the requestor that an all-way stop might not change the accidents at the intersection. Mary Beaver stated she understood but would prefer some action to no action. D. Bissell discussed that he felt the all-way stop would provide an added layer of safety by increasing the chances that cars along 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue would stop if a car on 6<sup>th</sup> Street did not obey the stop sign. T. Quinonez motioned to recommend

approval of all-way stop at the intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> Street and 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, the motion was seconded by T. Fagen. Motion was defeated by a vote of 4 to 5. Commission recommended taking “No Action”.

2. Request in the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward, from Bev Ross, 7980 Conehill Circle to establish 30 mph speed limit on Lyford Road from State Street to Royal Oaks Road. (J. Carter discussed the results of the speed data gather along Lyford Road. J. Carter discussed the IDOT Policy on Establishing and Posting Speed Limits on the State Highway System and its recommendation to not set speeds that would have a higher than 50% violation rate. Commission discussed any reduction in the speed limit would have a violation rate higher than 50% per the provided speed date. Commission recommended taking “No Action”. Motion by C. Ketton, seconded by T. Fagen, Voted 9-0)

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

1. Request in the 14<sup>th</sup> Ward, from Dyanna Walker, 4929 Hampshire Close, to establish a parking restriction of “No Parking Anytime” on one side of Governor’s Drive, Trevor Circle and Hampshire Close. (J. Carter discussed that City Staff had not received back many surveys sent to property owners and would like to receive more before making a decision that will affect the properties in the area. Commission laid item over in order to receive more returned surveys.)

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM. Motion by S. Capovilla, seconded by T. Quinonez

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

**November 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