

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, March 11, 2020, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Bissell at 6:00 PM.

**Members Present**

Mr. Don Bissell, Chairman  
Ms. Dorien Peterson  
Sgt. David Nicosia, Rockford Police Department  
Mr. Mike Rotolo, Rockford Fire Department  
Mr. Mike Slife, Transportation, School District 205  
Mr. Scott Capovilla, Community Development Department  
Mrs. Kerry Lin, Public Works Department

**Members Absent**

Alderman Joseph Chiarelli, 14<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Mr. Fred Lierman, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Dock Ward  
Mr. Todd Fagen  
Mr. Cedrick Ketton, Rockford Mass Transit District

**Also Present**

Mr. Jeremy Carter, Public Works Department

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on February 12, 2020, were approved as submitted.

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

1. Request in the 7th Ward, by Ed Hornbeck, 1607 Kilburn Avenue, to establish “No Parking Any Time” on the east side of Kilburn Avenue from Parkside Avenue to Wallin Avenue, thus repealing the existing “No Parking Any Time” on the east side of Kilburn Avenue from 160 feet south of Parkside Avenue to 240 feet south of Parkside Avenue. (This item had been laid over from the February Traffic Commission. K. Lin explained the sight distance exhibits. The maximum distance for extending the parking restriction shown on the exhibits provides 335 feet of sight distance which is the IDOT criteria for a stop controlled intersection. This adjusts the north end of the request further south and lessens the impact to the property between Parkside Avenue and the revised location. It was pointed out that the property owner south of the requestor is in favor of extending the southern limit to Wallin Avenue. Extending the south edge of pavement along Wallin Avenue to the east edge of Kilburn Avenue and lengthening the restriction to this location provides 335 feet of sight distance in this direction. Commission recommended establishing “No Parking Any Time” on the east side of Kilburn Avenue from 125 feet south of Parkside Avenue to 350 feet south of Parkside Avenue, thus repealing the existing “No Parking Any Time” on the east side of Kilburn Avenue from 160 feet south

of Parkside Avenue to 240 feet south of Parkside Avenue. Motion by S. Capovilla, seconded by M. Rotolo, Voted 7-0).

2. Request in the 14th Ward, by City Staff, to establish a 45mph Speed Limit on Linden Road from N. Alpine Road east to City Limits. (K. Lin described the speed study results which yielded a violation rate of 22% for 45mph and a rate of 62% for 40 mph. Commission recommended establishing a 45mph Speed Limit on Linden Road from N. Alpine Road east to City Limits. Motion by D. Nicosia, seconded by D. Peterson, Voted 7-0).
3. Request in the 8th Ward, by Neil Whitby, 6670 Nimtz Road, to establish traffic control at the intersection of Warren Boulevard and Ridgeland Road. (Commission discussed the sight issues at this intersection, which include landscaping on the southwest corner as well as the roadway grades on the north and south approaches to the intersection. The City will work with the property owner to remove a portion of the landscaping in accordance with City Ordinance. Commission recommended that Warren Boulevard yield for Ridgeland Road. Motion by S. Capovilla, seconded by M. Slife, Voted 7-0).

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

1. Request in the 8th Ward, by Neil Whitby, 6670 Nimtz Road, to establish traffic control at the intersection of Warren Boulevard and Raisemore Road. (Commission discussed that the intersection appears to have good sight lines, a low traffic volume, and low number of accidents. Commission recommended taking “No Action”. Motion by M. Slife, seconded by M. Rotolo, Voted 7-0).

**Other items:**

2. J. Carter informed the Commission that City Council revised the Commission’s recommendation for a 40mph speed limit on N. Lyford Road from E. State Street to the city limits north of Royal Oaks Road to 35mph.

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 PM. Motion by M. Slife, seconded by M. Rotolo.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

**April 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