

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD
Wednesday, October 14, 2020, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Bissell at 6:01 PM.

Members Present

Mr. Don Bissell, Chairman
Ms. Dorien Peterson, Vice Chairman
Mr. Fred Lierman
Mr. Todd Fagen
Mr. Mike Rotolo, Rockford Fire Department
Mr. Cedrick Ketton, Rockford Mass Transit District
Mr. Scott Capovilla, Community Development Department
Mrs. Kerry Lin, Public Works Department

Members Absent

Sgt. Jason DoBran, Rockford Police Department
Mr. Mike Slife, Transportation, School District 205
Mr. Dock Ward
Alderman Joseph Chiarelli, 14th Ward

Also Present

Mr. Jimmy DeCarlo, 526 Rome Avenue, 61107
Mr. Brian Harvey, US General Services Administration
Mr. Jeremy Carter, Public Works Department
Ms. Samantha Hein, Information Technology Department

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on September 9, 2020, were approved as submitted.

The Traffic Commission recommended the following items:

1. Request in the 5th Ward, by Brian Harvey, representing the U.S. General Services Administration, to repeal the 2-hour parking restriction on the west side of Court Street from Green Street to Cedar Street. (Mr. Brian Harvey spoke on this request and J. Carter explained that he has been in contact with the adjacent property owner who approves the request in the area specified. Commission recommended repealing the 2-hour parking restriction on the west side of Court Street from Green Street to Cedar Street. Motion by D. Bissell, seconded by T. Fagen, Voted 7-0).

2. A request in the 12th Ward, by Alderman Ginger Hanley, to establish traffic control at the intersection of Clinton Street and Brown Avenue. (J. Carter described the roadway sections on Clinton Street and that there is a transition from a boulevard section to a standard street section at this intersection. Commission recommended yielding Clinton Street for Brown Avenue. Motion by K. Lin, seconded by D. Peterson, Voted 7-0).

3. Request in the 6th Ward, by City Staff, to repeal 20mph School Zone Speed Limit on 11th Street from frontage/3020 11th Street to St. Edward's School. (J. Carter explained that St. Edward's School is closed and that IDOT has requested the removal of the speed zone signs. Commission recommended repealing the 20mph School Zone Speed Limit on 11th Street from frontage/3020 11th Street to St. Edward's School. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by D. Peterson, Voted 7-0).
4. Request in the 2nd Ward, by Jimmy DeCarlo, 526 Rome Avenue, to establish stop control at the intersection of Greenwood Avenue and Rome Avenue, thus repealing the existing 2-way yield on Greenwood Avenue at Rome Avenue. (Mr. DeCarlo expressed his concern and K. Lin commented that another request had been made through the Alderman for traffic control at this intersection. J. Carter stated that Alderman Logemann supports stop control. K. Lin explained that yield control at been approved at Traffic Commission in 2017 but no signs are currently in place. F. Lierman pointed out that traffic volumes do not warrant a 4-way stop. Commission recommended establishing 2-way stop control with Rome Avenue stopping for Greenwood Avenue. Motion by T. Fagen, seconded by C. Ketton, Voted 7-0).
5. Request in the 8th Ward, by Alderman Karen Hoffman, to establish "No Parking Any Time" on the east side of East Gate Parkway from Broadway to Colorado Avenue. (J. Carter explained that there had been a "No Parking Any Time" sign there previously which had no ordinance behind it. A resident brought that to staff's attention and the sign was removed. Subsequently, neighbors made a request through Alderman Hoffman to establish the restriction. Commission recommended establishing "No Parking Any Time" on the east side of East Gate Parkway form Broadway to Colorado Avenue. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by T. Fagen, Voted 7-0).

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

1. A request in the 12th Ward, by Alderman Ginger Hanley, to establish traffic control at the intersection of Melrose Street and Cottage Grove Avenue. (S. Capovilla commented that, in general, brick paving, as found on Melrose Street, keeps speeds down. In addition, there is no accident history and traffic volumes are low. Commission recommended taking "No Action". Motion by M. Rotolo, seconded by F. Lierman, Voted 7-0).

Other items:

1. J. Carter explained the guidelines for the formation of a stop sign warrant subcommittee.
2. K. Lin called attention to the date of next month's meeting. It will be Thursday, November 12th as Wednesday, November 11th, is Veteran's Day.

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 PM. Motion by D. Peterson, seconded by F. Lierman,

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

NOTE: THURSDAY

November 12, 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