

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD
Wednesday, January 13, 2021, 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, Vice Chairman
Mr. Fred Lierman
Mr. Todd Fagen
Mr. Mike Rotolo, Rockford Fire Department
Mr. Cedrick Ketton, Rockford Mass Transit District
Mr. Mike Slife, Transportation, School District 205
Mr. Scott Capovilla, Community Development Department
Mrs. Kerry Lin, Public Works Department

Members Absent

Mr. Dock Ward
Sgt. Jason DoBran, Rockford Police Department
Alderman Joseph Chiarelli, 14th Ward

Also Present

Mr. Jeremy Carter, Public Works Department
Mr. Ebron Tyson, Information Technology Department

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

The Traffic Commission recommended the following items:

1. Request in the 3rd Ward, by City Staff, to repeal 20mph School Zone Speed Limit on Church Street from Salem Street to Summer Street. (K. Lin stated that this request is due to the closure of St. Peter's School. She also explained that while the limits in the ordinance are as described, the existing signs are placed beyond those limits and, if the item is approved, will be removed accordingly. Commission recommended repealing the 20mph School Zone Speed Limit on Church Street from Salem Street to Summer Street Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by T. Fagen, Voted 8-0).
2. Request in the 3rd Ward, by City Staff, to repeal 20mph School Zone Speed Limit on Court Street from John Street to Salem Street. (K. Lin commented that the same situation exists on this item as on the previous item. Commission recommended repealing the 20mph School Zone Speed Limit on Court Street from John Street to Salem Street. Motion by T. Fagen, seconded by S. Capovilla, Voted 8-0).

The Traffic Commission laid over the following items:

1. Request in the 3rd Ward, by Baba Daljit Singh, representing the Sikh Religious & Educational Society of USA, Inc., to establish handicapped parking on the south side of Market Street from

75 feet east of 4th Street to 95 feet east of 4th Street, thus repealing the 2-hour parking restriction on the south side of Market Street from 75 feet east of 4th Street to 95 feet east of 4th Street. (This and the following three items were laid over from November Traffic Commission. K. Lin and S. Capovilla explained that City Staff directed the property owner to coordinate with zoning, but that has not yet taken place. They also feel that the property's parking lot should provide the handicap parking and passenger loading needs. Currently, it appears that the lot does not meet zoning requirements. T. Fagen expressed concern that the lot may not accommodate the entire scope of parking needed. D. Peterson commented that more information is needed from the property owner. J. Carter stated that City Staff will direct the owner to coordinate with zoning and will inform him that failure to do this may result in the recommendation of no action at the next meeting. Commission recommended laying over this and the following three items. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by T. Fagen, Voted 8-0).

2. Request in the 3rd Ward, by Baba Daljit Singh, representing the Sikh Religious & Educational Society of USA, Inc., to establish a passenger loading zone on the south side of Market Street from 135 feet east of 4th Street to 155 feet east of 4th Street, thus repealing the 2-hour parking restriction on the south side of Market Street from 135 feet east of 4th Street to 155 feet east of 4th Street. (See previous item).
3. Request in the 3rd Ward, by Baba Daljit Singh, representing the Sikh Religious & Educational Society of USA, Inc., to establish handicapped parking on the north side of East State Street from 95 feet east of 4th Street to 115 feet east of 4th Street, thus repealing the 1-hour parking restriction on the north side of State Street from 95 feet east of 4th Street to 115 feet east of 4th Street. (See previous item).
4. Request in the 3rd Ward, by Baba Daljit Singh, representing the Sikh Religious & Educational Society of USA, Inc., to establish a passenger loading zone on the north side of East State Street from 155 feet east of 4th Street to 175 feet east of 4th Street, thus repealing the 1-hour parking restriction on the north side of State Street from 155 feet east of 4th Street to 175 feet east of 4th Street. (See previous item).

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 PM. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by D. Peterson.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

February 10, 2021 6:00 PM.

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

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