

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD
Wednesday, February 10, 2021, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Bissell at 6:06 PM.

Members Present

Mr. Don Bissell, Chairman
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. Scott Capovilla, Community Development Department
Mrs. Kerry Lin, Public Works Department

Members Absent

Ms. Dorien Peterson, Vice Chairman
Mr. Fred Lierman
Mr. Cedrick Ketton, Rockford Mass Transit District
Alderman Joseph Chiarelli, 14th Ward

Also Present

Mr. Richard Schrom, 3662 Thyme Drive, 61114
Mr. Daniel Johns, 3634 Thyme Drive, 61114
Mr. Jeremy Carter, Public Works Department
Ms. Brooke Benoit, Legal Department
Mr. Ebron Tyson, Information Technology Department

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on January 13, 2021, were approved as submitted.

The Traffic Commission recommended the following items:

1. Request in the 4th Ward, from Richard Schrom, 3662 Thyme Drive, to repeal the existing parking restriction of “No Parking Any Time” on the west side of Thyme Drive from Crested Butte Trail to Innsbruck Drive. (Mr. Richard Schrom and Mr. Daniel Johns presented the request. Mr. Schrom commented that he had talked to the majority of the adjacent residents and most supported the request. Staff received surveys that indicated this support. Commission recommended repealing the existing parking restriction of “No Parking Any Time” on the west side of Thyme Drive from Crested Butte Trail to Innsbruck Drive. Motion by T. Fagen, seconded by M. Slife, Voted 7-0).

2. A request in the 12th Ward, by Alderman Ginger Hanley, to establish 2-way stop control of Melrose Street stopping for Cottage Grove Avenue, thus repealing the 2-way stop control of Cottage Grove Avenue stopping for Melrose Street. (K. Lin presented the background of this request and described the discussion held at the October Traffic Commission when this request was previously made. T. Fagen pointed out that stopping Melrose Street was likely to be more accepted than stopping on Cottage Grove Avenue due to the adjacent stop at Cottage Grove

Avenue and Cumberland Street. Commission recommended establishing 2-way stop control of Melrose Street stopping for Cottage Grove Avenue, thus repealing the 2-way stop control of Cottage Grove Avenue stopping for Melrose Street. Motion by T. Fagen, seconded by D. Bissell, Voted 5-2).

3. A request in the 8th Ward, by Alderman Karen Hoffman, to establish a parking restriction of “No Parking Any Time” on both sides of 22nd Street from Pilgrim Court to Pleasant View Avenue. (K. Lin explained that this is an existing one lane roadway and this makes it very difficult to pass when vehicles are parked on the street. M. Rotolo and M. Slife both commented on the difficulty that parking presents to this street. Commission recommended establishing “No Parking Any Time” on both sides of 22nd Street from Pilgrim Court to Pleasant View Avenue. Motion by M. Slife, seconded by T. Fagen, Voted 7-0).
4. Request in the 8th Ward, by City Staff, to establish stop control at the following intersections:
 - a. 15th Avenue stopping for Remington Road
 - b. Beach Street stopping for Seward Avenue
 - c. Portland Place stopping for Florida Drive
 - d. Sexton Drive stopping for Louisiana Road
 - e. 16th Avenue stopping for Log Cabin Avenue(K. Lin commented that it was recently discovered that there are no ordinances for these existing 2-way stop controlled intersections. She also pointed out that these are all T-intersections with the minor leg being controlled. Commission recommended establishing stop control as detailed in the list above. Motion by T. Fagen, seconded by S. Capovilla, Voted 7-0).
5. Request in the 8th Ward, by City Staff, to establish 4-way stop control at the intersection of Louisiana Road and Colorado Avenue, thus repealing the yield control on Louisiana Road at Colorado Avenue (K. Lin pointed out that there is no ordinance for the existing 4-way stop control at this intersection. Commission recommended establishing 4-way stop control at the intersection of Louisiana Road and Colorado Avenue, thus repealing the yield control on Louisiana Road at Colorado Avenue. Motion by T. Fagen, seconded by K. Lin, Voted 7-0).

The Traffic Commission recommended taking “No Action” on 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. (K. Lin stated that this and the following three items have been laid over twice. City staff has asked the requestor on multiple occasions to contact the Zoning Division to discuss their off-street parking requirements. No contact has been made. Commission recommended taking “No Action” on this and the following three items. Motion by S. Capovilla, seconded by M. Rotolo, Voted 7-0).
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 above.)

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 above.)
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 above.)

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM. Motion by S. Capovilla, seconded by K. Lin.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

March 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