

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD
Wednesday, June 9, 2021, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Bissell at 6:02 PM.

Members Present

Mr. Don Bissell, Chairman
Mr. Tom Okite
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. Ron Priddy, Rockford Mass Transit District
Mr. Scott Capovilla, Community Development Department
Mrs. Kerry Lin, Public Works Department

Members Absent

Ms. Dorien Peterson, Vice Chairman
Alderman Bill Rose, 9th Ward

Also Present

Mr. Jeff Orduno, Urban Equity Properties, LLC
Mr. Caleb Wilson, Urban Equity Properties, LLC
Mr. Ebron Tyson, Information Technology Department

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on May 12, 2021, were approved as submitted.

The Commission welcomed new member Tom Okite.

The Traffic Commission recommended the following items:

1. Request in the 13th Ward, by Rhonda Smith, 1904 Auburn Street, to establish traffic control at the intersection of N Independence Avenue and Andrews Street. (This item had been laid over from the May meeting, so that City staff could compare the accident history with the history at Sunset Avenue and Andrews Street. The accident diagram for this intersection was included in the workbook. K. Lin pointed out that the number of accidents at each intersection was similar, but the accidents at the Sunset Avenue intersection were parked car and weather related. Commission recommended establishing yield control with N. Independence Avenue yielding for Andrews Street. Motion by T. Fagen, seconded by K. Lin, Voted 9-0).
2. Request in the 5th Ward, by Robert Crosty, 3453 Onyx Parkway, to establish a parking restriction of "No Parking Any Time" on both sides of Integrity Drive east of S Main Street. (K. Lin explained that Integrity Drive is a new roadway for the Love's Travel Stop, and that it should be able to accommodate all the truck parking that is needed. S. Capovilla also pointed out that the City worked with the developer on the design of this roadway, and that it was not designed to include

width for parking. Commission recommended establishing “No Parking Any Time” on both sides of Integrity Drive east of S Main Street. Motion by D. Bissell, seconded by D. Ward, Voted 9-0).

3. Request in the 12th Ward, by Jeremy Callahan, 3502 Louise Street, to establish traffic control at the intersection of Belmont Boulevard and Louise Street. (K. Lin pointed out that there have been two accidents at the intersection, and that Louise Street has the lighter traffic volume. There does not appear to be any sight issues. Commission recommended establishing yield control with Louise Street yielding for Belmont Boulevard. Motion by T. Fagen, seconded by D. Ward, Voted 9-0).
4. Request in the 11th Ward, from the Rockford Police Department, to establish “Official Car Parking”, Monday through Friday 7am to 5pm, on the east side of 10th Street from Broadway to 380 feet north of Broadway, thus repealing the existing parking restrictions of “No Parking Any Time” on the east side of 10th Street from 30 feet north of Broadway to 190 feet north of Broadway and from 170 feet north of Broadway to 340 feet north of Broadway. (K. Lin pointed out that the exhibit in the workbook incorrectly showed the requested restriction extending past the RPD property line. J. DoBran confirmed that the request is to extend only to this northern property line. S. Capovilla gave some history of the existing restrictions. Commission recommended establishing “Official Car Parking”, Monday through Friday 7am to 5pm, on the east side of 10th Street from Broadway to 380 feet north of Broadway, thus repealing the existing parking restrictions of “No Parking Any Time” on the east side of 10th Street from 30 feet north of Broadway to 190 feet north of Broadway and from 170 feet north of Broadway to 340 feet north of Broadway. Motion by T. Fagen, seconded by J. DoBran, Voted 9-0).
5. Request in the 6th Ward, by City Staff, to repeal 20mph School Speed Limit on Hanson Street from frontage/3020 11th Street to St. Edward’s School. (This and the following seven items were discussed together. K. Lin explained that these items were due to the closure of several schools. M. Slife asked for clarification of the limits of item number 6 below, and K. Lin replied that the existing Ordinance reads “200 feet west of Belmont Boulevard”, but that the actual limits are 110 feet west of Eggleston Rd to 200 feet east of Charlotte Drive. Commission recommended repealing 20mph School Speed Limits at the locations designated in this and item numbers 6 through 9 below. Commission also recommended repealing the Passenger Loading Zones 7:30am-4:00pm at the locations designated in item numbers 10 and 11 below. Finally, the Commission recommended repealing “No Parking - Bus Stop on Regular School Days 7:30am-4:00pm” at the location designated in item number 12 below. Motion by M. Slife, seconded by R. Priddy, Voted 9-0).
6. Request in the 14th Ward, by City Staff, to repeal 20mph School Speed Limit on Charles Street from 200 feet west of Belmont Boulevard to 200 feet east of Charlotte Drive. (See above).
7. Request in the 9th Ward, by City Staff, to repeal 20mph School Speed Limit on Bell Avenue from Rockton Avenue to Ridge Avenue. (See above).
8. Request in the 9th Ward, by City Staff, to repeal 20mph School Speed Limit on Fulton Avenue from Rockton Avenue to Ridge Avenue. (See above).
9. Request in the 3rd Ward, by City Staff, to repeal 20mph School Speed Limit on Myott Avenue from Sheridan Street to Sherman Street. (See above).
10. Request in the 3rd Ward, by City Staff, to repeal Passenger Loading Zone 7:30am-4:00pm on the south side of Myott Ave from Sheridan Street to Sherman Street. (See above).

11. Request in the 3rd Ward, by City Staff, to repeal Passenger Loading Zone 7:30am-4:00pm on the west side of Sherman Street from Post Avenue to Myott Avenue. (See above).
12. Request in the 3rd Ward, by City Staff, to repeal “No Parking - Bus Stop on Regular School Days 7:30am-4:00pm” on the east side of Sheridan Street from Myott Avenue to Post Avenue. (See above).
13. Request in the 13th Ward, by City Staff, to establish a parking restriction of “No Parking on Regular School Days from 7:30am-4:00pm” on the west side of Waldo Street from Elm Street to Chestnut Street. (K. Lin explained that this restriction is currently in place, but there is not an ordinance for the restriction. Commission recommended establishing “No Parking on Regular School Days from 7:30am-4:00pm” on the west side of Waldo Street from Elm Street to Chestnut Street. Motion by M. Slife, seconded by D. Ward, Voted 9-0).

The Traffic Commission laid over the following items:

1. Request in the 11th Ward, by Amanda Sink, 2243 S 5th Street, to establish traffic control at the intersection of S 4th Street and 22nd Avenue. (K. Lin remarked that traffic counts were not able to be completed due to construction affecting the intersection. Staff was told that it would be complete in time to perform the counts in advance of next month’s meeting. Commission recommended that this item be laid over so that traffic counts can be completed. Motion by K. Lin, seconded by T. Fagen, Voted 9-0).
2. Request in the 3rd Ward, by Haskell Park Apartments, 327 N Church Street, to establish Residential Parking on both sides of Park Avenue from N Church Street to N Main Street. (This and the following item were discussed together. Mr. Jeff Orduno and Mr. Caleb Wilson explained their request and that they are looking for twenty-five on-street parking spots along Park Avenue and N Church Street. K. Lin commented that while there currently is a 3 hour parking restriction on Park Avenue, fold-down signs are also there which restrict the area to No Parking Any Time. These are used at the discretion of the Coronado. She also commented that further coordination is needed between Urban Equities and City staff. Commission recommended that these items be laid over so that this coordination can take place. Motion by D, Bissell, seconded by K. Lin, Voted 9-0).
3. Request in the 3rd Ward, by Haskell Park Apartments, 327 N Church Street, to establish Residential Parking on the east side of N Church Street from W Jefferson Street to Park Avenue. (See above).

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM. Motion by R. Priddy, seconded by S. Capovilla.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

July 14, 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