



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Traffic Commission

Dave Wohlgemuth
Robert Mozol
John Heckenlively
Mark Yehlen
Nhu Tran
Charles French
Alderman Mollie Jones

Monday, September 18, 2017

4:00 PM

City Hall, Room 303

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M.

PRESENT: 6 - Dave Wohlgemuth, Robert Mozol, John Heckenlively, Nhu Tran, Charles French and Mollie Jones

EXCUSED: 1 - Mark Yehlen

Also Present: John Rooney, Alderwoman Weidner, Alderman Coe, Kurt Scherr

A vote was taken to select a citizen member to chair the Traffic Commission. A motion was made by Tran, seconded by Mozol to nominate Charlie French for Chairman of the Traffic Commission. After no further motions were made to nominate another member for Chair, a motion was made by Heckenlively, seconded by Wohlgemuth to approve Charlie French as Chairman of the Traffic Commission. Passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes for the August 21, 2017 Meeting

The minutes of the August 21, 2017 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

New Business

[814-17](#)

Subject: Communication from Joanne Takerian requesting the reinstallation of a "No Parking" sign in the front east side of Gales Manufacturing Corporation, 1541 Owen Avenue.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 09-18-17:

Recommends that No Parking restrictions in front of the east side of Gales Manufacturing corporation, 1541 Owen Avenue, be re-installed.

Further recommends that the cost associated with re-installation be charged to the requester.

Fiscal Note: The estimated cost of this signage will result in an installation cost of \$100.00 and an annual maintenance cost of \$40.00.

John Rooney read a communication from Joanne Takerian from Gales Manufacturing Corporation. Gales Manufacturing was requesting the re-installation of the No Parking Restriction sign on the east side of the road. The communication noted that with the removal requested by them for both sides of the road, it is very difficult now for trucks to pull in and pull out of the area.

Bob Mozol suggested this installation should be charged to the requester.

Motion made by Mozol, seconded by Tran to approve the request with the charge for time, labor and materials. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

[878-17](#)

Subject: Communication from Alderwoman of the 2nd District wishing to discuss concerns of her constituents with the constant speeding on Park Avenue from 14th to 16th Street.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 09-18-17: Defer

Alderwoman Jones informed the Traffic Commission of speeding problems on Friday and Saturday nights in the area.

There was discussion about the COP House located nearby to check on the area.

Alderwoman Jones noted there are only stop signs at 15th Street on the east and west side approaches for Park Avenue from 14th to 16th Street.

Lt. Wolgemuth recommended the speed trailer be installed and he could report back the findings to the Traffic Commission.

Motion made by Mozol, seconded by Wohlgemuth to defer for RPD speed study. Passed unanimously.

Deferred

[857-17](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderwoman of the 6th District regarding the plea of residents on Golf Avenue, between Northwestern Avenue and Rapids Drive, that the City address their concerns with the speeding that occurs constantly on their street.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 09-18-17:

Recommends that the Secretary of the Traffic Commission send a communication to the Chief of Police and Commissioner of Public Works to move the Radar Speed Feedback signs from Ohio Street near Lockwood Park to Golf Avenue between Northwestern Avenue and Rapids Drive.

Fiscal Note: The estimated cost of this relocation will result in an

installation cost of \$500.00 and an annual maintenance cost of \$40.00.

Alderman Weidner appeared before the Traffic Commission to ask that the radar speed feedback signs be moved from Ohio Street, near Lockwood Park, to Golf Avenue, between Northwestern and Rapids Drive. She explained to the Traffic Commission that when these items were purchased by the Commissioner of Public Works, he noted they were portable and can be moved around.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Mozol, seconded by Tran to approve the request to move the radar speed feedback signs and direct the Secretary of the Traffic Commission to send a communication to the Chief of Police and Commissioner of Public Works to jointly move the signs to the requested location. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

[886-17](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Alderman of the 3rd District requesting a traffic study be completed at the intersection of 12th Street and Racine Street to determine if additional traffic management measures are necessary to reduce the potential for vehicular collisions.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 09-18-17: Defer

Alderman Coe appeared before the Commission and noted two recent roll over accidents at the location of 12th Street and Racine Street. He noted that DPW has taken efforts, along with the Parks Department, to trim trees back, add signage for the stop signs and believed a study was need to see if there is an issue at this intersection. He noted that he believes a lot of traffic from St. Catherine's High School on 12th Street creates more issues at this intersection. He suggested using blinker stop signs.

Secretary Rooney noted that a study could be conducted and the Engineering Department could look at site lines and traffic volumes and the crash reports to see if there is anything that could be done to mitigate these types of accidents. He also informed the Traffic Commission, that blinker stop signs are typically not used for urban applications and are more used in rural applications at on high speed rural and county trunk roadways to alert motorists of stop conditions far in advance of intersections where speeds are posted 45 mph and higher.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Heckenlively, seconded by Mozol to defer for Engineering study. Passed unanimously.

Deferred

[633-17](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 15th District requesting to discuss the placing of traffic calming measures on Erie Street between Melvin Avenue and Three Mile Road.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 07-17-17: Defer

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 09-18-17: Defer

Secretary Rooney noted he had a speed study done by the Engineering Department for

discussion with the Traffic Commission. He also noted he wanted to share some possible re-configurations for the roadway with pavement markings to introduce bicycle lanes to help calm traffic or to even suggest a type of typical section that may be used when the road gets resurfaced in the next 5 - 10 years to narrow the roadway as well.

Lt. Wohlgemuth noted the RPD report is not yet complete on the fatal accident located on Erie Street.

The Traffic Commission noted that this item should be deferred until that crash report is released, so the Traffic Engineer can review the circumstances involving that accident.

Nhu Tran also wanted to make sure the residents in attendance at the first meeting be notified when this item comes back before the Traffic Commission.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Mozol, seconded by Heckenlively to defer. Passed unanimously.

Deferred

[832-17](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderwoman of the 15th District requesting stop signs on Carlton Drive and Charles Street.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 09-18-17: Defer

Kurt Scherr appeared before the Traffic Commission and complained of speeding on Carlton Drive near the intersection of Charles Street. He noted that there are several pedestrians, bicyclists, children and other people and vehicles trying to cross Carlton at this location and noted it was an accident waiting to happen. He indicated he had spoken with several police officers about this issue and asked that a study be done to see what the problem is at this location.

After further discussion, a motion made by Mozol, seconded by Heckenlively to defer and perform an Engineering study at the intersection of Carlton Drive and Charles Street and also do a speed study with pneumatic tubes. Passed unanimously.

Deferred

[833-17](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderwoman of the 15th District requesting stop signs on Carlton Drive and Carter Street.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 09-18-17: Defer

Kurt Scherr appeared before the Traffic Commission and complained of speeding on Carlton Drive near the intersection of Carter Street. He noted that there are several pedestrians, bicyclists, children and other people and vehicles trying to cross Carlton at this location and noted it was an accident waiting to happen. He indicated he had spoken with several police officers about this issue and asked that a study be done to see what the problem is at this location.

After further discussion, a motion made by Mozol, seconded by Heckenlively to defer and perform an Engineering study at the intersection of Carlton Drive and Carter Street and also do a speed study with pneumatic tubes. Passed unanimously.

Deferred

[970-17](#)

Subject: In accordance with Section 2-95 of the Municipal Code of the General Ordinances of the City of Racine, recommends that the following requests for changes in traffic code be granted:

A. Recommends that Section 94-141 (6) of Schedule F relating to "No parking from 7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. except on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays", be amended:

By Including:

Owen Avenue, east side, from 16th Street north 80 feet.

Recommended For Approval

Next Meeting Date - October 16, 2017 at 4:00 P.M. in Room 303 at City Hall

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

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