



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Traffic Commission

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Monday, February 15, 2016

4:00 PM

City Hall, Room 303

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#### Call To Order

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

Present: Jim Morgenroth, Charles French, Mark Yehlen, John Heckenlively, Robert Mozol, Sgt. Koetting on behalf of Lt. Wohlgemuth, Nhu Tran

Also Present: John Rooney, Alderman Weidner, Chris Jansa, Tom Karkow

#### Approval of Minutes for the December 21, 2015 Meeting

#### New Business

1. [0124-16](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from Chris Jansa, 927 Marquette St., requesting the removal of a "1 Hour Parking" sign in front of 931 Marquette Street.

#### **Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 02-15-16:**

Recommends that "One-hour Parking from 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., except Sundays and holidays" on "Marquette Street, east side, from 120 feet north of State Street to West Street" be removed.

**Fiscal Note:** The estimated cost of this signage will result in a removal cost of \$100.00.

*Chris Jansa appeared before the Traffic Commission and explained the issue regarding the one-hour parking on the east side of Marquette Street, between West Street and State Street. He noted this sign was installed in response to some parking issues that were generated by an auto repair shop. He noted the auto repair shop was no longer in business and the residents really could use the parking and not the citations now that the business is no longer at that location.*

*After further discussion, a motion was made by Yehlen, seconded by Morgenroth to approve the removal of the signs. Passed unanimously.*

#### **Recommended For Approval**

2. [15-01097](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Alderman of the 6th District requesting to relocate the speed feedback signs from Ohio Street to Northwestern Avenue.

**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 12-21-15: Defer****Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 02-15-16:**

Recommends that the Commissioner of Public Works take the necessary steps to move the "Radar Speed Feedback Signs" from Ohio Street to Northwestern Avenue.

**Fiscal Note:** There is an undetermined cost to move the speed feedback signs.

*Alderman Weidner appeared before the Commission and explained the request noting that she has been waiting on a policy from the Commissioner of Public Works for the last few months on the relocation of the radar speed feedback signs that were installed on Ohio Street.*

*Commissioner Yehlen explained his policy which was to essentially have RPD determine the location of these signs as needed. He noted the Department of Public Works could move the radar speed feedback signs to locations as requested by the Traffic Investigators.*

*Alderman Weidner expressed her disappointment with the policy. Her understanding of the purchase of these radar speed feedback signs, from last summer, that DPW would be responsible for these devices, they were portable and they could be moved around as needed. She did not believe these were bought to be another tool for RPD to use.*

*Commissioner Yehlen indicated he had developed a policy earlier and staff expressed that the policy should not be used and that the signs may be better used by RPD.*

*In response to a question by Chairman French, John Rooney indicated that he believes the signs are of little use to the Engineering Department. He believes the signs probably should not have been purchased seeing that there was one request regarding speed issues on Ohio Street. He noted, in his opinion, the policy that was originally drafted was not something the Engineering Department could follow in determining where the signs could be placed. He further noted that the radar speed feedback sign is very similar to the RPD speed trailer in that it does the same job and provides the same type of data. He noted while the radar speed feedback signs are portable, like the trailer, these signs could be used and have no impact on traffic. He noted the trailer sometimes has to occupy parking or travel lane that could disrupt traffic or be an encumbrance to DPW street maintenance operations. He believes this is an enforcement tool that the police department could use like the speed trailer. It could also be used by RPD to bring awareness to drivers speeds in certain areas and that may change their driving habits on some of the locations where they identify speed as a problem.*

*Alderman Weidner still requested that a formal policy be adopted and asked that item be placed on next month's agenda.*

*With the item before the Traffic Commission being the relocation, a motion was made by Morgenroth, seconded by Mozol to move the speed feedback signs from Ohio Street to Northwestern Avenue and have the Commissioner of Public Works execute the sign relocation. On a roll call vote, members voting aye: Mozol, Morgenroth, Heckenlively, Tran, Koetting  
Members voting naye: Yehlen*

*Motion passed 5:1*

**Recommended For Approval**

3. [0151-16](#)

**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:

**Recommends that Section 94-143 (8) of Schedule G relating to "One-hour Parking from 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., except Sundays and holidays", be amended:**

**By Deleting:**

1. **Marquette Street, east side, from 120 feet north of State Street to West Street.**

**Recommended For Approval**

**Next Meeting Date - March 21, 2016 at 4:00 P.M. in Room 303 at City Hall**

**Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 P.M.*

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