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Meeting Minutes - Final

Traffic Commission

*Dave Wohlgemuth
Robert Mozol
John Heckenlively
Mark Yehlen
Nhu Tran
Charles French
Alderman Sandy Weidner*

Monday, May 15, 2017

4:00 PM

City Hall, Room 303

Call To Order

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

Present: Sandy Weidner, Charles, French, Mark Yehlen, John Heckenlively, Robert Mozol, Lt. Wohlgemuth, Nhu Tran

Also Present: John Rooney, Jim Palenick, Alderman Perez, Diane Talamantez

Approval of Minutes for the April 17, 2017 Meeting

The minutes of the April 17, 2017 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

New Business

[0891-16](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 12th District requesting a parking restriction on Ohio Street at the southeast corner with Ridgeway Avenue.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 11-21-16: Defer

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 12-19-16: Receive and file.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 02-20-17: Defer

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 05-15-17:
Recommends that the request to install No Parking At Any Time restrictions on the east side of Ohio Street near Ridgeway Avenue, be approved.

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.

Chairman Rooney described the traffic study. He noted the recommendation from staff is to add 150 feet of no parking restriction at anytime on the east side of Ohio Street south of Ridgeway Avenue. He noted there is a site line problem at that intersection and noted it was the area of a fatal vehicle vs. motorcycle crash.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Wohlgemuth, seconded by Tran to approve. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

[1014-16](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 9th District requesting to discuss traffic patterns at the new Knapp Elementary School - 2701 17th Street.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 12-19-16: Defer

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 05-15-17:

Recommends that four-way stop control be removed and two-way stop control be installed facing Grange Avenue at the intersections of Grange Avenue and 17th Street; recommends four-way stop control be installed at the intersections of Quincy Avenue and 17th Street; recommends removal of parking restrictions on both sides of 17th Street between Thurston Avenue and Grange Avenue; and further recommends adding parking restrictions on the east side of Quincy Avenue south of 17th Street.

Fiscal Note: The estimated cost of this signage will result in an installation cost of \$400.00 and an annual maintenance cost of \$160.00.

John Rooney read the traffic study for the Traffic Commission. He noted the recommendations for the school, which is now primarily a neighborhood walking school, would be to remove the all-way stops at 17th and Grange and replace with two-way stop control facing Grange Avenue. The other recommendation is to make Quincy and 17th Street a permanent 4-way stop. The other recommendation would be to remove the parking restrictions on the east side of the school, along Grange Avenue and add those same restrictions to Quincy Avenue on the west side of the school. He further recommended the parking restrictions on the south side of 17th Street, for the entire two-block area, be reduced to only the western most block between Quincy and Thurston. He also recommended removal of some outdated parking restrictions on the north side of 17th Street west of Grange Avenue. He noted these changes should coincide better with the traffic patterns and the pedestrian traffic using the school.

A request was made by Alderman Perez to add crosswalk markings at the new 4-way stop. Secretary Rooney noted those could be done administratively.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Yehlen, seconded by Mozol to approve. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

[1101-16](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 6th District, on

behalf of David Allen, requesting stop signs be placed on Hansen Avenue, Thor Avenue, and Carmel Avenue as they intersect with Belmont Avenue.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 01-16-17: Defer

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 05-15-17:

Recommends that stop control be added to Carmel Avenue, Hansen Avenue and Thor Avenue where those streets intersect with Belmont Avenue.

Fiscal Note: The estimated cost of this signage will result in an installation cost of \$300.00 and an annual maintenance cost of \$120.00.

John Rooney read the traffic study for the Traffic Commission and noted the three T-intersections at Hansen, Thor and Carmel with Belmont should be stop controlled. He noted it is unusual for any control at T-intersections; however, because of restrictions on site lines and making it very difficult for safe stopping site and safe stopping distance, staff recommended stop control on the terminating of these three intersections.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Heckenlively, seconded by Wohlgemuth to approve. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

[369-17](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderwoman of the 6th District, on behalf of Michael Maxwell, requesting a yield sign be installed on Graham Street at the intersection of Mohr Avenue and Graham Avenue.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 05-15-17: Defer

John Rooney read the request of Mike Maxwell. In the absence of Mr. Maxwell, the Traffic Commission deferred the item.

Motion made by Wohlgemuth, seconded Heckenlively to defer until the next meeting. Passed unanimously.

Deferred

[350-17](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Alderman of the 7th District, on behalf of Diane Talamantez, requesting to discuss a 4-way stop at the intersection of Carlisle Avenue and Goold Street.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 05-15-17: Defer

Diane Talamantez appeared before the Traffic Commission and expressed concerns about traffic on Goold Street, potential accidents and the large amount of pedestrian traffic at the intersection of Carlisle and Goold. She requested a 4-way stop be installed at that location.

Chairman French asked Secretary Rooney to describe what is required for a 4-way stop.

John Rooney noted that if the Traffic Commission approves such a study, he could probably have it back before the Traffic Commission within the next two months.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Mozol, seconded by Wohlgermuth to defer the item for study. Passed unanimously.

Deferred

[268-17](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderwoman of the 15th District requesting that a traffic study be undertaken at the intersection of Lombard Avenue and Erie Street to determine if there are changes that might improve traffic control at that location, since there have been two incidents where a car hit a house there.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 04-17-17: Defer

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 05-15-17: Receive and file.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Secretary Rooney reminded the Traffic Commission this item had been deferred while the Engineering Department reviewed any crash reports from RPD at the intersection of Lombard and Erie Street. He noted there was no study being performed for all-way stops because warrants were not met for the intersection to the north one block on South Street which has higher volume traffic than Lombard. He noted a request from RPD was made for the last 2 1/2 years and there have been no recorded accidents at that location; therefore, he recommended the item be received and filed.

Motion made by Mozol, seconded by Yehlen to receive and file. Passed unanimously.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[494-17](#)

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 94-66 (1) of Schedule C of the Municipal Code of the General Ordinances of the City of Racine relative to "Through streets" be amended:

By Deleting:

1. 17th Street, from east line of West Boulevard to west line of Taylor Avenue, except at its intersections with Grange Avenue, Quincy Avenue and Holmes Avenue.

By Including:

1. 17th Street, from east line of West Boulevard to west line of Taylor Avenue, except at its intersections with Quincy Avenue and Holmes Avenue.

B. Recommends that Section 94-66 (2) of Schedule C of the Municipal Code of the General Ordinances of the City of Racine relative to "Stop intersections" be amended:

By Including:

1. Right-of-way on "Belmont Avenue"; Stop signs facing traffic on "Carmel Avenue".

2. Right-of-way traffic on "Belmont Avenue"; Stop signs facing traffic on "Hansen Avenue".

3. Right-of-way traffic on "Belmont Avenue"; Stop signs facing traffic on "Thor Avenue".

4. Right-of-way traffic on "17th Street"; Stop signs facing traffic on "Grange Avenue".

C. Recommends that Section 94-66 (3) of Schedule C of the Municipal Code of the General Ordinances of the City of Racine relative to "All-way stop intersections" be amended:

By Adding:

1. 17th Street and Quincy Avenue.

D. Recommends that Section 94-141 (1) of Schedule F relating to "No parking at any time", be amended:

By Including:

1. Ohio Street, east side, from Ridgeway Avenue south 150 feet.

E. Recommends that Section 94-141 (8) of Schedule F

relating to "No parking from 7:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. on any school day", be amended:

By Deleting:

1. 17th Street, south side, from Grange Avenue to Quincy Avenue.

By Including:

1. 17th Street, south side, from Thurston Avenue to Quincy Avenue.

F. Recommends that Section 94-141 (45) of Schedule F relating to "No stopping, standing or parking from 7:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. on any school day except for school buses", be amended:

By Deleting:

1. Grange Avenue, west side, from 17th Street south 380 feet.

By Including:

1. Quincy Avenue, east side, from 17th Street south 460 feet.

G. Recommends that Section 94-143 (15) of Schedule G relating to "Two-hour parking from 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., except on Sundays and holidays", be amended:

By Deleting:

1. 17th Street, north side, from Grange Avenue west 130 feet.

Recommended For Approval

Next Meeting Date - June 19, 2017 at 4:00 P.M. in Room 303 at City Hall

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 P.M.

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