



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Traffic Commission

Chairman Alderman Sandy Weidner
Atty. Nicole Loop
Charles French
John Heckenlively
Lt Dave Wohlgemuth
Mark Yehlen
Robert Mozol

Monday, October 21, 2013

4:00 PM

City Hall, Room 306

REVISED

PRESENT: 6 - Nicole Loop, Charles French, John Heckenlively, Dave Wohlgemuth, Robert Mozol and Sandy Weidner

EXCUSED: 1 - Mark Yehlen

Also Present: John Rooney, Art Garcia

Call To Order

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

Approval of Minutes for the September 16, 2013 Meeting

The minutes of the September 16, 2013 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

New Business

1. [13-9455](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting gap studies for the possible removal of additional crossing guards for the 4-year old pre-school programs.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 10-21-13:

Recommends that the mid-session crossing guards be eliminated at the following locations for the 2013 - 2014 school year:

Byrd Avenue & Ohio Street
Byrd Avenue & Roosevelt Avenue
Kewaunee Street & North Main Street
La Salle Street & North Street
16th Street & Grange Avenue
16th Street & West Boulevard

Bates Street & Taylor Avenue
Durand Avenue & Drexel Avenue
Mars Avenue & Yout Street

Fiscal Note: This will reduce the Police Administration 101.311.5020 - Other Salaries budget by \$34,000.

John Rooney submitted the gap studies for the investigation of removing crossing guards for the 4-year old pre-school programs. He noted, just as Deputy Mark Schulz has indicated at last month's meeting, all 4-year olds are being crossed or brought into the school or out of the school by parents or adult guardians. Adults are not counted in pedestrian gap studies as the gap studies are there only to find gaps for those children, approximately 12 years of age and younger.

Art Garcia from RPD appeared before the Commission and noted this would save the RPD approximately \$48,000 annually by removing all these guard locations if they are not needed. He did note, he believed Deputy Chief Schulz had spoken to some of the schools of RUSD that would be effected by not having guards at these locations.

Motion made by Heckenlively, seconded by Wohlgemuth to delete the crossing guards as proposed. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

2. [13-9184](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer requesting a review of Ordinance 94-145 - Parking Prohibited Between 2:00 AM and 6:00 AM; Exceptions.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 08-19-13:

Deferred

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 09-16-13:

Deferred

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 10-21-13:

Recommends that Section 94-145 (6) of the Municipal Code of the General Ordinances of the City of Racine relating to "Parking prohibited between 2:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M." be deleted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Nicole Loop explained both options to the Traffic Commission. There was an option to be more descriptive of the issue of having no parking from 6 AM to 8 AM for the morning rush hour. It can be problematic with the interpretation with the street storage requirements from 2 AM to 6 AM. The other option was to simply remove 6 from the exceptions to alternate streetside parking.

Charlie French supported the alternative to just omit Item 6 from Ordinance 94-145.

Motion made by French to remove that section, seconded by Heckenlively. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

3. [13-9383](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 6th District requesting Common Council to rescind Council action taken on July 2, 2013 regarding approval of a request for right-turn only off Hoffert Drive for the months of June, July and August.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 10-21-13:
Recommends that 13-9103 be rescinded.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alderman Weidner asked the Commission to rescind the action of the Common Council for putting in a permanent right-turn only on Hoffert Drive for the months of June, July and August. She noted that after the review of the study done in 2012, it indicated that this problem of left turners or through movement was not as large as it appeared. She asked that the Traffic Commission support her and the study that was done.

After further discussion, a motion was made by French, seconded by Heckenlively to rescind the Common Council action taken on July 2, 2013 as recommended. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

4. [13-9253](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer proposing an Ordinance regarding "right turn only" during the months of June, July and August on the east approach of Hoffert Drive and Michigan Boulevard.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 08-19-13:
Deferred

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 09-16-13:
Deferred

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 10-21-13:
Recommends that the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

John Rooney noted this was the language that was required for the Transportation ordinances for the right-turn only during the months of June, July and August at Hoffert and Michigan. He noted since the action was rescinded on the previous item, this item should be received and filed.

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

Recommended to be Received and Filed

5. [13-9454](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Assistant

Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer recommending a mandatory right-turn lane on the north approach (SB Ohio Street) of the Washington Avenue and Ohio Street intersection.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 10-21-13:

Recommends that the request to install a mandatory right turn lane on Ohio Street, southbound, to Washington Avenue, westbound, be granted.

Further recommends that Section 94-94, Mandatory right turns, be amended to include; The operator of a vehicle proceeding southerly on Ohio Street and approaching Washington Avenue in the lane furthest to the right shall turn right onto Washington Avenue and shall not proceed in any other direction.

Fiscal Note: There is a nominal cost to sign and mark pavement to implement this change.

John Rooney noted that after the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) project was nearing completion this year, intersections were being evaluated to achieve better progression and better signal timing throughout our roadway network. He noted out of the project, the analysis of Ohio Street and Washington Avenue indicated a right-turn only lane should be marked on the north approach of the intersection of Washington and Ohio. He noted for efficiency of the intersection, only right-turners should be in the outer most lane.

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

Recommended For Approval

6. [13-9467](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Racine Police Department requesting changes to parking signage restrictions surrounding St. Lucy's School at 3035 Drexel Avenue.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 10-21-13:

Recommends that No parking and stopping zones on Drexel Avenue and Carpenter Street be changed from 7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. to 6:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. on any school day.

Further recommends that Schedule F of Section 94-141 be amended to create "No stopping, standing or parking from 6:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. on any school day except for school buses".

Further recommends that this new section be amended to include:

1. Drexel Avenue, east side, from 240 feet south of Durand Avenue south 330 feet.
2. Carpenter Street, west side, from Winthrop Avenue north 315 feet.

Fiscal Note: The estimated cost of this signage will result in an installation cost of \$200.00 and an annual maintenance cost of \$80.00.

Lt. Wohlgemuth explained the parking sign changes requested by RPD around St. Lucy's School.

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

Recommended For Approval

7. [13-9469](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Racine Police Department requesting changes to parking signage restrictions surrounding Red Apple Elementary School at 914 St. Patrick Street.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 10-21-13:

Recommends that No parking, standing and stopping 7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. on school days on Superior Street, west side, from 273 feet north of St. Patrick Street, north 108 feet; and LaSalle Street, east side, from 237 feet north of St. Patrick Street, north 121 feet be changed to No Parking Loading zone.

Fiscal Note: The estimated cost of this signage will result in an installation cost of \$200.00 and an annual maintenance cost of \$80.00.

Lt. Wohlgemuth explained the parking sign changes requested by RPD around Red Apple School.

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

Recommended For Approval

8. [13-9471](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer, on behalf of Dr. Nancy Woods (3624 Washington Avenue), requesting a limited parking zone on West Lawn Avenue.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 10-21-13:

Recommends that Schedule G of Section 94-143 be amended to create "One-hour parking from 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. except Sundays and holidays".

Further recommends that this new section be amended to include "West Lawn Avenue, east side, north 45 feet of Washington Avenue north 25 feet".

Fiscal Note: The estimated cost of this signage will result in an installation cost of \$200.00 and an annual maintenance cost of

\$80.00.

John Rooney noted he had received a communication from Dr. Nancy Woods, 3624 Washington Avenue, requesting a limited parking zone on West Lawn Avenue. He noted she was requesting 6 A.M. to 6 P.M., one-hour parking every day of the week. He noted it is a dentist office in a residential neighborhood and she would like at least enough space for one-hour limited parking. He noted this was a request done by many businesses to provide some parking turn over for their customers or clients or patients.

Charlie French noted there is a church in that neighborhood that really does need parking on street for services.

It was discussed, that perhaps, Sunday and holidays are not necessary for limited parking to free up on-street parking for those parishioners.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Loop, seconded by Heckenlively to approve one-hour parking, except Sundays, from 6 A.M. to 6 P.M. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

9. [13-9512](#)

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 (9) of Schedule F of the Municipal Code of the General Ordinances of the City of Racine relative to "No stopping, standing or parking form 7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. on any school day except for school buses" be amended:

By Deleting:

1. Drexel Avenue, east side, from 240 feet south of Durand Avenue south 330 feet.

Recommended For Approval

Next Meeting Date - November 18, 2013 in Room 106 at City Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 P.M.

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