



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Traffic Commission

*Chairman Charles French,
Vice Chairman Robert Mozol,
Alderman Jim Morgenroth, John Heckenlively,
Mark Yehlen, Nicole Larsen, Dave Wohlgemuth*

Monday, December 21, 2015

4:00 PM

City Hall, Room 303

Call To Order

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

Present: Charles French, Dave Wohlgemuth, Robert Mozol, James Morgenroth, John Heckenlively, Mark Yehlen, Nhu Tran

Also Present: John Rooney, Alderman Weidner, Tom Karkow, Thomas Hoaglund, Rita Stralha

Approval of Minutes for the October 19, 2015 Meeting

The minutes of the October 19, 2015 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

New Business

1. [15-00986](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 3rd District requesting to modify parking restrictions adjacent to the 16th Street Studios - 1405 16th Street.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 12-21-15:

Recommends that "One-hour Parking from 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., except Sundays and holidays" on "16th Street, south side, from Junction Avenue to South Memorial Drive" and "Two-hour Parking from 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., except Sundays and holidays" on "16th Street, north side, from Junction Avenue to Ann Street" be removed.

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

John Rooney explained the request to the Traffic Commission from Alderman Shields to remove limited-term parking on 16th Street near the old Warehouse Factory. He indicated the building has been renovated and now houses artist studios and they need on-street parking for visitors. He noted the restrictions were in place for a building use that has long since gone. He indicated time-of-day parking restrictions for A.M. and P.M. traffic would remain and recommended approval of limited-term parking.

Alderman Morgenroth stated that approximately 51 artists work out of that building and they have received up to 1,100 visitors and parking needs exceed the lot that they have and supported the communication.

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

Recommended For Approval

2. [15-01084](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Alderman of the 6th District, on behalf of Tom Hoagland - 2319 Yout St., to address parking restrictions on Yout St. and Jupiter St. during school hours.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 12-21-15:

Recommends that "No Parking from 7:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. on any school day" on "Jupiter Avenue, east side, from Yout Street south 110 feet" be removed.

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

Tom Hoagland and Alderman Weidner appeared before the Commission to address parking concerns at 2319 Yout Street. Mr. Hoagland noted that No Parking restrictions exist on school days of both sides of this corner lot and he has difficulty parking his vehicles without receiving a ticket. He noted he has four vehicles and only a two-car driveway in which to store them. He asked that parking restrictions be looked at to provide on-street parking.

A discussion ensued about whether parking restrictions could just be removed in front of the subject property.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Heckenlively, seconded by Mozol to remove the parking restriction in front of 2319 Yout Street on Jupiter Street only.

On a roll call vote, members voting aye: Mozol, Morgenroth, Heckenlively, Tran, Wohlgemuth

Members voting naye: Yehlen

Motion passed 5:1

Recommended For Approval

3. [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

Alderman Weidner appeared before the Traffic Commission and requested the speed feedback signs on Ohio Street be moved to Northwestern Avenue in response to some accidents on the curve of that roadway near Georgia Street and Golf Avenue. She asked that they be moved to that location to at least notice motorists of their speed when negotiating that curve.

Lt. Wohlgemuth indicated there have been five crashes in the last year near that

location, two of which were failure to yield right-of-way, two of which were OWI and one which was roadway conditions with following too closely. He noted that technically all of these crashes are not correctable by traffic control measures and are generally considered operator error. He did note the failure to yield right-of-way could be the result of vehicles exceeding the speed limit and motorists not being able to judge the gap in traffic.

Mark Yehlen requested speed data before moving the speed feedback signs. He indicated using tubes is not appropriate this time of year.

Alderman Weidner said it was her understanding the speed feedback signs were meant to be moved as needed.

Mark Yehlen indicated he would prepare a policy of moving the variable speed feedback signs and get back to Alderman Weidner after review of the RPD trailer report.

Motion made by Yehlen, seconded by Heckenlively to defer.

On a roll call vote, members voting aye to defer: Morgenroth, Heckenlively, Yehlen, Tran, Wohlgemuth

Members voting naye: Mozol

Motion passed 5:1

Deferred

4. [0001-16](#)

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 94-141(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. Jupiter Avenue, east side, from Yout Street south 110 feet.
2. Jupiter Avenue, both sides, from Yout Street to Mars Avenue.

By Including:

1. Jupiter Avenue, east side, from 110 feet south of Yout Street to Mars Avenue.
2. Jupiter Avenue, west side, from Yout Street to Mars Avenue.

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. 16th Street, south side, from Junction Avenue to South

Memorial Drive.

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 Sundays and holidays", be amended:

By Deleting:

- 1. 16th Street, north side, from Junction Avenue to Ann Street.**

Recommended For Approval

Next Meeting Date - January 18, 2016 at 4:00 P.M. in Room 303 at City Hall

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

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