



# City of Racine

## Meeting Minutes

### Traffic Commission

City Hall  
730 Washington Ave.  
Racine, WI 53403  
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*Chairman Martin DeFatte, Alderman Ronald D. Hart  
Atty. Scott Letteney, Commissioner Richard Jones  
Deputy Chief Steven Hurley, Jarvis Finley, Charles French*

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Monday, March 19, 2007

5:15 PM

Room 301 - City Hall

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#### Call To Order

**PRESENT:** 6 - Ronald D. Hart, Steven Hurley, Martin DeFatte, Charles French, Richard Jones and Scott Letteney  
**EXCUSED:** 1 - Jarvis Finley

**Also present: John Rooney**

#### Approval of Minutes for the February 19, 2007 Meeting

*Motion made by Letteney, seconded by Jones to approve the minutes as printed.*

**to Approve the Minutes**

#### New Business

1. [06-2918](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Alderman of the 5th District, on behalf of Dan Malnar, 1922 Geneva St, requesting the City enact an ordinance which would require school buses to use their stop signs when picking up and dropping off students. **Alderman Maack and Dan Malnar invited to the meeting.**

**Recommendation:** Defer item.

*John Rooney asked the item be deferred. He noted Alderman Maack and Dan Malnar could not attend the meeting.*

*The Traffic Commission chairman also asked that Racine Unified's busing contractor be invited to the next meeting as well.*

**Deferred**

2. [07-0267](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering wishing to discuss the installation of right-turn only at the intersection of Racine Street and Washington Avenue.

**Recommendation:** Recommends that the request to install a mandatory right turn lane on Racine Street, northbound, to Washington Avenue, eastbound, and 11th Street, eastbound, be granted.

Further recommends that Section 94-94, Mandatory right turns, be

amended to include; The operator of a vehicle proceeding northerly on Racine Street and approaching Washington Avenue shall turn right onto Washington Avenue and shall not proceed in any other direction.

Further recommends that Section 94-94, Mandatory right turns, be amended to include; The operator of a vehicle proceeding northerly on Racine Street and approaching 11th Street in the lane furthest to the right shall turn right onto 11th Street and shall not proceed in any other direction.

**Fiscal Note:** There will be a nominal cost to sign this location.

*John Rooney distributed some drawings of the improvements to State Trunk Highway 32 on Racine Street. He noted that previously there used to be two dual right turn lanes at the approach where northbound Racine Street meets eastbound Washington Avenue. He noted the geometry of this intersection has changed slightly and indicated the through movements across Washington Avenue and Racine Street on Eleventh Street have been eliminated. He also noted the approach connecting northbound State Trunk Highway 32 on Racine Street to eastbound State Trunk Highway 20 on Washington Avenue was reduced to one single right-turn lane. He noted however, vehicles leaving Racine Street approaching Washington Avenue can turn into a driveway across the street from the intersection. He noted if there is a queue of vehicles waiting to turn left from westbound Washington Avenue to southbound Racine Street, the vehicle waiting to pull into that driveway will back up northbound traffic on Racine Street. He noted this movement needs to be eliminated from the intersection and asked that a mandatory right-turn only sign be installed. He noted this does not preclude access to that driveway from either direction on Washington Avenue. He also noted the furthest right lane on Racine Street is now a mandatory right-turn lane into eastbound Eleventh Street and that should require the exact same right-turn only designation.*

*After further discussion, a motion was made by Jones, seconded by Letteney to approve. Passed unanimously.*

**Recommended For Acceptance**

3. [Ord.06-07](#) Ordinance No. 6-07

To amend Sec. 94-311 of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin relating to Traffic and Vehicles - Truck and Heavy Traffic Routes.

The Common Council of the City of Racine do ordain as follows:

Part 1:

Sec. 94-311 of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine is hereby amended by deleting the following:

“Valley Drive from Washington Avenue to 13th Street” and “13th Street from Valley Drive to South Memorial Drive.”

Part 2:

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and the day after publication.

Passed by the Common Council

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Fiscal Note: N/A

*John Rooney noted this was the ordinance to approve the elimination of the heavy truck route on Valley Drive from Washington Avenue to Thirteenth Street, and from Thirteenth Street from Valley Drive to S. Memorial Drive. He asked that the ordinance be adopted.*

*A motion was made by Hart, seconded by French to recommend adoption of Ordinance 6-07. Passed unanimously.*

**Recommended For Adoption**

4. [07-0343](#)

**Subject:** To amend Sec. 94-311 of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin relating to Traffic and Vehicles - Truck and Heavy Traffic Routes. (Ordinance No. 6-07).

**Recommendation:** Ordinance be adopted.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Recommended For Acceptance**

**Next Meeting Date**

*Next meeting date is April 16, 2007.*

**Adjournment**

*Meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM.*

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