



# 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 Wohlgenuth*

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Monday, July 20, 2015

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:** 5 - Charles French, Robert Mozol, Nicole Larsen, John Heckenlively and Mark Yehlen

**EXCUSED:** 2 - Dave Wohlgenuth and James Morgenroth

Also Present: John Rooney, Alderman Shakoor, Steve Avila

### Approval of Minutes for the June 15, 2015 Meeting

*The minutes of the June 15, 2015 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.*

### New Business

1. [14-10749](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Alderman of the 8th District, on behalf of Steve Avila and Norma Diaz, requesting the installation of safety signs at the intersection of West Street and Dr. M.L. King Jr. Drive.

**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 11-17-14:** Defer

**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 06-15-15:** Defer

**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 07-20-15:**

Recommends that the request to place a flashing beacon warning light for reduced school zone speed on Dr. M.L. King Jr. Drive, north of West Street, be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** The cost of this installation is estimated at \$2,100 and funding is available in Org-Object 45040-57530, DPW-Traffic Control.

*Secretary Rooney read the study for the Commission members. He indicated that a speed study was done with pneumatic tube counters to determine whether there were issues with the speeds along M.L. King Jr. Drive near the school. He noted that a speed study was done by the Racine Police Department with the trailer, which*

*indicated higher speeds, but the Police Department based that on a 25 mph speed limit. He noted the speed limit is 30 mph and when reviewing that information, speeds were not a problem. He also noted the pneumatic tube counters displayed speeds, on average, that were below the speed limit and the 85% speed slightly above the posted speed limit. He noted during normal hours, speeding is not a problem on the roadway either. He did note, however, when the tube counter analysis was broken down, it was discovered motorists only slow down about 2 mph during school arrival and dismissal. He noted the average speed during school times was 10 -12 mph above the 15 mph speed limit for schools. He also noted that the gap study was performed to see if the crossing guard was warranted. He noted the guard was not warranted by the ITE method, but was warranted by the Madison method. He also went over the warrants that were required to install flashing beacon warning lights for school zones and he noted all of the criteria is met and recommended a flashing warning beacon light be installed in advance of the school. He noted that staff was still determining if only one warning light is needed, because it is a one-way street even though it is two lanes. However, it may require two because of the roadway width. He noted the flashing beacon warning light assemblies are approximately \$2,000. He noted the cost was low because no power needs to be run to these devices as they are solar powered, with on-off switches or even cell phone activation.*

*Steve Avila agreed with the report and thanked the Traffic Commission for looking into it.*

*Alderman Shakoor asked that the installation be done prior to school starting in September.*

*Secretary Rooney noted he believes funding is available in accounts in DPW and if there is not, he would appear before the Finance Committee to have funds allocated.*

*After further discussion, a motion was made by Yehlen, seconded by Heckenlively to approve the installation of the flashing beacon warning lights and to identify funds to place these in this location prior to the 2015-2016 school year. Passed unanimously.*

**Recommended For Approval**

**Next Meeting Date - August 17, 2015 at 4:00 P.M. in Room 303 at City Hall**

## **Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 P.M.*

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