



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Final Traffic Commission

*Chairman Martin DeFatte, Alderman Gregory Holding,  
Commissioner Richard Jones, Atty. Nicole Loop, Lt. James  
Dobbs, Charles French, John Heckenlively*

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Monday, July 19, 2010

5:15 PM

City Hall, Room 301

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### Call To Order

*The meeting was called to order at 5:15 P.M.*

**PRESENT:** 7 - Gregory Holding, Nicole Loop, James Dobbs, Martin DeFatte, Charles French, Richard Jones and John Heckenlively

Also Present: John Rooney, Tom Eeg attended on behalf of Rick Jones, Alderman Marcus, Alderman Weidner

### Approval of Minutes for the June 21, 2010 Meeting

*The minutes were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.*

### New Business

1. [10-5125](#) **Subject:** Communication from John Poehls, 2708 Westwood Drive, requesting a traffic study be done at the intersection of Westwood Drive and Maria Street, to determine whether stop signs are necessary to maintain public safety.

**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 06-21-10:** Defer

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 07-19-10:** Defer

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*John Rooney noted that John Poehls asked that the item be deferred and that the meeting in August be held on August 23, 2010 to accommodate him.*

*Motion made by French, seconded by Dobbs to defer. Passed unanimously.*

**Deferred**

2. [10-5155](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 2nd District, requesting a stop sign at the intersection of 18th Street and Clark St.

**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 06-21-10:** Defer**Fiscal Note:** N/A**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 07-19-10:** Receive and file.**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*John Rooney explained the intersection of 18th Street and Clark Street is an uncontrolled L intersection. He noted 18th Street, west of the intersection, has been vacated for many years. He noted that he did not feel any intersection regulatory traffic control was warranted at this location as no conflicting vehicle movement exists. He noted that westbound vehicles can go southbound only and northbound vehicles can go eastbound only. He acknowledged the driveway opening on the west side of the intersection of 18th Street and Clark Street is a private entrance and is not part of the intersection that would be signed by the municipality. He noted parking restrictions could be installed to provide better movement of large trucks entering and exiting the area from the businesses. He also noted warning signs could be installed noting that trucks enter and exit the area, as well as the suggestion that was made by Lt. Dobbs, to include arrows for transients so they know they can only move the movements John Rooney described.*

*Alderman Marcus appeared before the Commission and asked that some type of caution signs be placed or some type of other regulatory or warning signs be placed on the vacated portion of 18th Street to control that movement.*

*John Rooney explained that is private property and will not be signed by a municipality, and even though it is located in the intersection, it is no different than any driveway opening along any public right-of-way.*

*After further discussion, Alderman Marcus was satisfied with some warning signs.*

*Motion made by Holding, seconded by French to receive and file the request for a stop sign and noted the warning signs should be placed administratively by the Traffic Engineer. Passed unanimously.*

**Recommended to be Received and Filed****3. [10-5340](#)****Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 6th District requesting to extend the No Parking restriction 40 feet or so east on the north side of the 2500 block of Prospect Street.**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 07-19-10:** The request to change "No parking at any time from December 1 to April 1" restrictions on Prospect Street, north side, between Lewis Street and Brooker Street, to "No parking at any time" be approved.**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.

*Alderman Weidner appeared before the Commission and stated the request for an additional 40 feet of no parking is actually in the 2200 Block of Prospect Street. She*

*noted this would be the area between Lewis and Brooker Streets.*

*John Rooney stated the Traffic Technician inventoried the parking restrictions along the corridor and had shown those restrictions to the Commission. He also noted the Traffic Technician checked with the Racine Police Department to see if any accidents were reported at this location in recent years. He noted none were found. He noted the roadway seems to function fine as there is no crash history reported. He noted the additional parking restriction could not hurt the situation, but didn't think it was necessary and warned the Traffic Commission there is always need for additional on-street parking in residential neighborhoods.*

*After further discussion, motion made by Holding, seconded by Heckenlively to approve the additional "No parking at any time" restriction as requested. Passed unanimously.*

**Recommended For Approval**

4. [10-5399](#)

**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 (1) of Schedule F of the Municipal Code of the General Ordinances of the City of Racine relative to "No parking at any time" be amended:**

**By Deleting:**

1. Prospect Street, north side, from 80 feet east of Lewis Street to David Street.

**By Including:**

1. Prospect Street, north side, from 120 feet east of Lewis Street to David Street.

**B. Recommends that Section 94-141 (34) of Schedule F of the Municipal Code of the General Ordinances of the City of Racine relative to "No parking at any time from December 1 to April 1" be amended:**

**By Deleting:**

1. Prospect Street, north side, from Brooker Street to State Street.

**By Including:**

1. Prospect Street, north side, from Jefferson Street to State Street.

**Recommended For Approval**

**Next Meeting Date**

*The next Traffic Commission meeting will be Monday, August 23, 2010 at 5:15 P.M. in Room 306 (old City Development Office).*

**Adjournment**

*The meeting adjourned at 5:52 P.M.*

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