



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Traffic Commission

*Terry McCarthy
Dave Wohlgemuth
Robert Mozol
John Heckenlively
Mark Yehlen
Nhu Tran
Charles French*

Monday, July 25, 2016

4:00 PM

City Hall, Room 303

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 P.M.

PRESENT: 6 - Dave Wohlgemuth, Robert Mozol, John Heckenlively, Mark Yehlen, Nhu Tran and Charles French

EXCUSED: 1 - Terry McCarthy

Also Present: John Rooney, Alderman Weidner, Dennis Montey, Don Damaschke

Approval of Minutes for the June 20, 2016 Meeting

The minutes of the June 20, 2016 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

New Business

1. [0539-16](#) **Subject:** Communication from Dennis Montey, 939 Marquette Street, requesting the re-installation of the "1 Hour Parking" sign in the 900 block of Marquette Street.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 07-25-16:

Recommends that the request to re-install "One-hour Parking from 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., except Sundays and holidays" on "Marquette Street, east side, from 120 feet north of State Street to West Street" be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Dennis Montey appeared before the Traffic Commission and asked for the re-installation of 1-hour limited parking signs in the 900 block of Marquette Street. He noted there were problems with street storage and also indicated this is a place where people now don't have to park at metered areas. He believes some false information was given as to the request to remove the signs.

Secretary Rooney read the request from earlier in the year to have the signs removed. He noted they were removed in response to the request that a business that was using the 1-hour limited parking signs was no longer functioning and that it created a hardship for parking in the neighborhood. He noted 1-hour parking signs are typically used for businesses in those areas without metered parking.

Lt. Wohlgemuth indicated if there is a problem with abandoned vehicles, the CSO's can chalk the tires of abandoned vehicles and he would be contacting the 3rd shift for enforcement of alternate street side parking.

Secretary Rooney noted the nearest meters to this area on State Street existed between Main and Wisconsin Avenue and didn't understand how those meters would impact parking in this area.

Mark Yehlen noted things have changed since the original request for 1-hour parking was put in many years ago and made a motion to receive and file the item. Seconded by Nhu Tran and passed unanimously.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

2. [0546-16](#)

Subject: Communication from the Evangelical United Methodist Church (212 11th St.) requesting temporary "No Parking" signs be installed on the north side of 11th Street, between S. Main Street and Wisconsin Avenue between 7:30 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. on August 7, 2016.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 07-25-2016:

Recommends that the request to use Temporary No Parking signs on the north side of 11th Street between S. Main Street and Wisconsin Avenue on August 7, 2016, between 7:30 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Dom Damaschke appeared before the Traffic Commission for this annual request to post temporary No Parking signs near the church on the northside of 11th Street, between Wisconsin Avenue and S. Main Street to provide church parking on the same Sunday as the Starving Artist Outdoor Fair at Gateway.

Motion made by Heckenlively, seconded by Wohlgemuth to approve. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

3. [0540-16](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderwoman of the 6th District, requesting the placement of a permanent 4-way stop sign at the intersection of West High Street and Jefferson Street.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 07-25-16: Defer

Alderman Weidner appeared before the Traffic Commission requesting the temporary 4-way stop sign put up at the intersection of West High and Jefferson Streets be made permanent. She noted it was put in at a request due to the construction on Northwestern Avenue. She indicated it is a long stretch without a stop sign and it

provides a level of comfort and safety for those living in the neighborhood. She didn't see the harm of making it a one-way stop.

Mark Yehlen noted that 4-way stop signs are not meant to control speeds and cited some additional reasons from the MUTCD.

Lt. Wohlgemuth noted that a speed trailer was deployed there to check on speeds in the neighborhoods on Jefferson Street, but the data has not been pulled out of that unit yet.

Charlie French noted, from a Neighborhood Watch meeting, he believes that some of the problems with speeders are residents of the neighborhoods themselves.

Secretary Rooney noted that if such a study is needed, it should not be done until Northwestern Avenue is reopened to bi-directional traffic and any bypass traffic is gone and traffic in the area is normalized to preconstruction conditions. He indicated this may not happen until October or November, and if weather permits, a study could be made at that time, if the Traffic Commission requested a study be done.

*After further discussion, a motion was made by Heckenlively, seconded by Wohlgemuth to defer the item long-term for study. Members voting aye: Wohlgemuth, Mozol, Heckenlively, Tran
Members voting naye: Yehlen
Motion passed 5:1*

Deferred

Next Meeting Date - August 15, 2016 at 4:00 P.M. in Room 303 at City Hall

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:46 P.M.

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