



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Traffic Commission

*Dave Wohlgemuth*  
*Robert Mozol*  
*John Heckenlively*  
*Mark Yehlen*  
*Nhu Tran*  
*Charles French*  
*Alderman Mollie Jones*

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Monday, December 18, 2017

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:** 6 - Robert Mozol, John Heckenlively, Mark Yehlen, Nhu Tran, Charles French and Mollie Jones

**EXCUSED:** 1 - Dave Wohlgemuth

Also Present: John Rooney, Tom Kee, Jack Blasko, Francis Bercher

#### Approval of Minutes for the November 20, 2017 Meeting

*The minutes of the November 20, 2017 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.*

#### New Business

[832-17](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Alderwoman of the 15th District requesting stop signs on Carlton Drive and Charles Street.

**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 09-18-17:** Defer

**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 12-18-17:** Receive and file.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Secretary Rooney read the traffic study to the Traffic Commission and indicated warrants were not met for additional stop signs at the intersection of Carlton Drive and Charles Street. He noted the study included the intersection for Carlton Drive and Carter Street, as well, due to the close proximity of the two intersections. He noted warrants were not met for additional stop signs and also noted only two accidents have occurred at these two intersections in the last five years. One was a vehicle that missed the stop sign at Charles Street, which caused a right-angle accident and the*

*other was an accident at the intersection of Carter Street and Carlton Drive where a vehicle passing an eastbound vehicle on Carlton, in the eastbound direction, collided with that vehicle as it turned left onto Carter Street. He noted both accidents were not correctable by additional traffic control.*

*After further discussion, a motion was made by Yehlen, seconded by Mozol to receive and file. Passed unanimously.*

**Recommended to be Received and Filed**

[833-17](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Alderwoman of the 15th District requesting stop signs on Carlton Drive and Carter Street.

**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 09-18-17:** Defer

**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 12-18-17:** Receive and file.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Secretary Rooney read the traffic study to the Traffic Commission and indicated warrants were not met for additional stop signs at the intersection of Carlton Drive and Carter Street. He noted the study included the intersection for Carlton Drive and Charles Street, as well, due to the close proximity of the two intersections. He noted warrants were not met for additional stop signs and also noted only two accidents have occurred at these two intersections in the last five years. One was a vehicle that missed the stop sign at Charles Street, which caused a right-angle accident and the other was an accident at the intersection of Carter Street and Carlton Drive where a vehicle passing an eastbound vehicle on Carlton, in the eastbound direction, collided with that vehicle as it turned left onto Carter Street. He noted both accidents were not correctable by additional traffic control.*

*After further discussion, a motion was made by Yehlen, seconded by Mozol to receive and file. Passed unanimously.*

**Recommended to be Received and Filed**

[878-17](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Alderwoman of the 2nd District wishing to discuss concerns of her constituents with the constant speeding on Park Avenue from 14th to 16th Street.

**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 09-18-17:** Defer

**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 11-20-17:** Defer

**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 12-18-17:** Receive and file.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Secretary Rooney read the RPD speed trailer study for the 1400 - 1600 block of Park*

Avenue. He noted the average speed on this 25 mph roadway was 22.4 mph and the 85% speed was only 28 mph. He noted of the nearly 7,200 vehicles that traveled on Park Avenue over a 9-day period, that only 45 vehicles were traveling at 11 mph or above the posted speed limit. He noted the RPD indicated they do not consider this a significant problem and it does not meet their criteria for coordinated speed wave enforcement.

Frances Bercher, Jack Blasko and Tom Kee all appeared before the Traffic Commission citing anecdotal experiences of speeders on the roadway. One comment was that the speed trailer was placed in the 1500 block and not the 1400 block.

Secretary Rooney noted the traffic investigators who place speed trailers are very experienced in how and where they should be placed to accurately collect data.

One of the residents commented that tubes had been put down to determine speed, right next to intersections and stop signs where they didn't feel they were getting the right kind of data.

Secretary Rooney noted those tubes were not placed by the City, but placed by WisDOT to collect traffic volume counts and not speed.

Some residents suggested that a stop sign be placed at the intersection of 15th Street in order to slow traffic down. John Rooney noted this speed study does not indicate there is a speeding problem and the stop signs are not to be installed to control speed there, they are meant to assign right-of-way. He also commented when tube studies are done the data can be slightly higher than speed trailer data, but still insisted this speed study showed that a speed problem does not exist on this roadway.

Chairman French noted that speed enforcement can get the attention of motorists and noted that most often speeders on a roadway like this are local residents who know the roadway better than those who are transient to the area.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Mozol, seconded by Yehlen to receive and file. Passed unanimously.

#### **Recommended to be Received and Filed**

[1193-17](#)

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Alderman of the 12th District requesting a traffic study/traffic lessening tools on Kinzie Avenue from Hwy 31 east to Ohio Street.

#### **Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 12-18-17: Defer**

*In the absence of Alderman Perez to explain the need for a traffic study and traffic lessening tools on Kinzie Avenue, a motion was made by Mozol, seconded by Heckenlively to defer the item. Passed unanimously.*

**Deferred**

**Next Meeting Date - January 15, 2018 at 4:00 PM, in Room 303 at City Hall**

#### **Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 P.M.*

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