



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, Jeremiah Ladd*

Monday, June 15, 2009

5:15 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call To Order

PRESENT: 6 - Nicole Loop, James Dobbs, Martin DeFatte, Charles French, Richard Jones and Jeremiah Ladd

EXCUSED: 1 - Gregory Holding

Also Present: Sgt. Bernie Kupper attended on behalf of Lt. Dobbs, Pat Pias

Approval of Minutes for the May 18, 2009 Meeting

The minutes of the May 18, 2009 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

New Business

1. [09-3628](#) **Subject:** Communication from Lisa Baker, 1301 Romaine Ave, requesting a school crossing guard at the corner of Goold and Geneva for the 2009-2010 school year.

Recommendation (6-15-09): Defer

John Rooney asked that this item be deferred. He discussed this item with Sgt. Kupper and indicated that a formal communication should come from Trinity Lutheran School requesting the same for the crossing guard at Goold and Geneva for the 2009-2010 school year. He noted there may be some overlap in time from the crossing guard for Roosevelt School at La Salle and Goold Street that could be explored.

Motion made by French, seconded by Loop to defer. Passed unanimously.

Deferred

2. [09-3682](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering requesting to change the time of day parking restrictions on the north side of Sixteenth Street, east of Taylor Avenue. (2120 & 2124 Sixteenth Street Owners)

Recommendation: Receive and file.

Fiscal Note: N/A

John Rooney described the condition at 16th Street and Taylor Avenue. He noted a significant movement occurred in the A.M. and P.M. peak hours for westbound left turners on the southbound Taylor Avenue. He noted currently two lanes of travel are

provided in each direction on the east approach, between the hours of 6 A.M. and 6 P.M. He noted a designated left-turn lane would get the large volume of left turners through the intersection more efficiently with the protected left-turn phase arrow. He noted, however, a designated left-turn lane would necessitate the outside lane being a through and right lane at all times. He noted the parking restriction from 6 A.M. to 6 P.M., except Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays, would have to be changed to "No Parking at Anytime." He described the hardship this may have on the business located at that location, but noted that they had limited term parking on Taylor Avenue and off-street parking to the east of the building.

Patrick Pias appeared before the Commission and noted as the owner of the building, his tenants need that lane for delivery of goods to the store at that location. He also believed one lane of traffic, eastbound, would be sufficient and a left-turn lane could be shifted further south, and the through lane could be located where the existing inside through lane is now and that the outside lane could be used for parking for the business. He also indicated that if one lane was now being used for exclusive left-turn lane, he never saw the need for providing two lanes of traffic all westbound beforehand.

John Rooney noted two lanes are still required for westbound traffic. He indicated a large movement of westbound traffic to southbound occurred in the inside lane, which would necessitate a mandatory left-turn lane for intersection efficiency. He noted that two lanes eastbound are also required during the A.M. and P.M. peak hours. He noted there is very little traffic movement westbound to northbound at this location and eastbound to southbound. He noted that without the designated left-turn lane the intersection would function exactly as it does now, with a protected left turn phase. However, he indicated the left turn phase could be significantly shortened for eastbound traffic if all the left-turners were on the inside lane. He noted these improvements would achieve a level of service C.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Jones, seconded by Loop to receive and file the request. Passed unanimously.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

3. [09-3691](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 9th District requesting traffic control in the areas around Harvey and Maple Grove Parks.

Recommendation (6-15-09): Defer

John Rooney noted the alderman and the residents could not attend the meeting and asked that the item be deferred.

Motion made by Jones, seconded by Loop to defer. Passed unanimously.

Deferred

4. [Ord.13-09](#)

Ordinance No. 13-09

To amend Section 94-93 of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin relating to Mandatory left turn.

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

Part 1:

Section 94-93 of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine is hereby amended by adding the following at the end of the section:

“(f) The operator of a vehicle proceeding westerly on 16th Street and approaching Taylor Avenue in the lane farthest to the left shall turn left onto Taylor Avenue and shall not proceed in any other direction.”

Part 2:

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

Passed by the Common Council:

Approved: _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Fiscal Note: N/A

In lieu of 09-3682 being received and filed, this ordinance could be received and filed also. The left-turn lane could no longer be installed.

Motion made by Jones, seconded by Loop to receive and file Ordinance 13-09. Passed unanimously.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be July 20, 2009 at 5:15 P.M. in Room 301 at City Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:37 P.M.

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