



# 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*

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Monday, December 15, 2008

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:** 6 - Gregory Holding, Nicole Loop, James Dobbs, Martin DeFatte, Charles French and Richard Jones

### Approval of Minutes for the November 17, 2008 Meeting

*Motion made by French, seconded by Holding to approve the minutes as printed.  
Passed unanimously.*

### New Business

1. [08-2879](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 2nd District, requesting additional parking spaces at the Wadewitz COP house at 1750 Mead Street.

**Recommendation (11-17-08):** Defer

**Recommendation (12-15-08):** Receive and file.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Nicole Loop checked Ordinance 94-147 and the State Statutes regarding what is the definition of law enforcement personnel. She indicated that it appears Parole Officers met the requirement of law enforcement officials and that, technically, this ordinance could be used to provide parking at the COP House at 1750 Mead Street.*

*After further discussion of the infrequency of neighbors using those parking spaces for monthly Neighborhood Watch meetings, a motion was made by Jones, seconded by French to receive and file the communication.*

**Recommended to be Received and Filed**

2. [08-2941](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 2nd District, wishing to discuss traffic control at the intersection of Franklin Street and 20th Street.

**Recommendation (12-15-08):** Defer

*Alderman Anderson appeared before the Commission and noted a preschool now runs out of the old Mack Center at 20th and Franklin Street. He noted a particular problem during dismissal time between 3 - 3:15 P.M. He thought there were some safety concerns that needed to be investigated.*

*John Rooney informed the Commission the intersection was studied back in 2004 at the request of Assistant Chief Baker and the item was received and filed. He reminded the Commission members, if studied in the last 5 years, the Traffic Commission has received and filed the request unless significant changes in the area have been made to warrant another study.*

*Alderman Anderson felt that since this location is used as a preschool, this is a different situation and it warranted another study.*

*After further discussion, a motion was made by French, seconded by Holding to defer this item for study. Passed unanimously.*

**Deferred**

3. [08-2982](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 2nd District requesting the evaluation of street signs (parking, school zone, school bus, etc.) around the Keith Mack Alternative Center at Winslow, 1325 Park Avenue.

**Recommendation (12-15-08):** Defer

*Alderman Anderson appeared before the Commission and noted the Mack Alternative Center is now being run out of Winslow School at 1325 Park Avenue. He noted there are no parking restrictions for bus drop off or school warning signs.*

*John Rooney noted that approximately 1-1/2 years ago, when Winslow School was closed, the Traffic Commission authorized the removal of those signs. Rooney asked that the item be deferred while he confers with the principal of the school to see what appropriate signage needs to be erected.*

*Motion made by Holding, seconded by Loop to defer this item. Passed unanimously.*

**Deferred**

4. [08-2979](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 5th District on behalf of Jenni Chap, 1906 Erie Street, requesting a "no parking" restriction on Erie Street during snow emergencies.

**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission (12-15-08):** Refer to the **Public Works and Services Committee**.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*John Rooney noted the request for "No Parking" restrictions for snow emergencies is really a matter for the Public Works and Services Committee to discuss snow and ice operations. If something regarding snow and ice operations warrants a need for parking restrictions out of the Public Works and Service Committee, it could then be referred back to this Commission for action on the parking restriction items.*

*Motion made by Holding, seconded by French to refer this item to the Public Works and Services Committee. Passed unanimously.*

**Recommended For Further Consideration**

**Next Meeting Date**

*The next Traffic Commission meeting will be January 19, 2009, at 5:15 P.M. in Room 301 at City Hall.*

**Adjournment**

*The meeting adjourned at 5:38 P.M.*

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