



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 Henry Perez*

Monday, March 20, 2017

4:00 PM

City Hall, Room 303

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M.

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

EXCUSED: 1 - Mark Yehlen

Also Present: John Rooney, Tom Friedel, Alderman Shakoor, Margaret Brockman, Ciji Pihman, Castenzio Venegas, Kristi Shaw, Katie Lambert

Approval of Minutes for the February 20, 2017 Meeting

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

New Business

[37-17](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 8th District, requesting to add a right-turn only lane to the northwest lane of Memorial Drive and West Sixth Street.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 02-20-17: Defer

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 03-20-17: Defer

Alderman Shakoor appeared before the Commission requesting a right-turn only lane in the far right lane on the southbound direction into the intersection of Memorial Drive and West Sixth Street. He noted Ohio Street and Washington Avenue had a similar right-turn only lane and requested the same at this location.

Secretary Rooney explained that traffic counts would need to be done to see how signal timing may be affected. He noted if vehicles that concurrently go through the intersection in the outside lane, along with the inside lane, can only go southbound in the inside lane. It may cause delay on that approach. He further noted that left-turners wanting to get into the left-turn bay may be delayed in the queue from getting in the left-turn bay because of additional drivers stacking up in the inside lane.

He noted the outside lane is currently through and right. He also wanted to check if there is a predominant movement southbound to westbound that would necessitate that, and also noted the outside lane is used to go through the intersection and access the gas station on the southwest corner. He did note the lane does drop and there is only one southbound lane south of the gas station/convenience store on Memorial Drive. He also noted the Memorial Drive Bridge will be under construction this summer and Memorial Drive will be closed in this area. He noted that traffic will be detoured and re-routed and this intersection will be modified with traffic control. He explained the best time to make changes, if any are needed or required, would be to do it next year in 2018 when Memorial Drive will be resurfaced from the newly overlaid deck on Memorial Drive Bridge all the way up to north of Liberty Street.

Alderman Shakoor asked when the traffic counts would be done.

Secretary Rooney noted they would be done prior to bridge construction, so we could get an accurate count of the movements through that intersection. He noted if the correct recommendation is to do what the alderman is requesting, and it was requested to be done this fall, all these pavement markings and signs put up would disappear next year during the construction project.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Wohlgemuth, seconded by Mozol to defer. Passed unanimously.

Deferred

[169-17](#)

Subject: Communication from the Racine Police Department requesting the 30-Minute Parking sign be removed and a No Parking sign installed at the northeast corner of 16th Street and Taylor Avenue.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 03-20-17:

Recommends that "One-half hour parking from 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M., except Sundays and holidays" on "Taylor Avenue, east side, from 16th Street north 50 feet" be removed.

Fiscal Note: The estimated cost of this signage will result in a removal cost of \$100.00.

Lt. Wohlgemuth explained the request by the Traffic Investigators to remove the limited parking sign near the Sunshine Supermarket. He noted that vehicles parked in this spot, are parked too close to the intersection, violating the State Statute that allows vehicles to park no closer than 15 feet to a crosswalk. He noted it is very difficult for vehicles to make a northbound turn at this intersection and made a recommendation that this should be removed.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Perez, seconded by Wohlgemuth to remove. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

[192-17](#)

Subject: Communication from Alderman of the 7th District, on behalf of Kristi Shaw, requesting a school zone speed sign be installed at HOPE Christian School - 3502 Douglas Avenue.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 03-20-17:

Recommends that the request to place school speed limit reduction assembly signs near 3502 Douglas Avenue for HOPE Christian School be granted.

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.

Castenzio Venegas appeared before the Traffic Commission and requested that school speed zone signs be installed for HOPE Christian School at 3502 Douglas Avenue.

Secretary Rooney inquired whether there was any need to have crossing guards present at this location.

Principal Venegas explained that all students are dropped off by parents or by City or Unified school busing. He noted no crossing guard is requested at this time.

Secretary Rooney noted that this installation can be put up and recommended the same.

Motion made by Perez, seconded by Wohlgemuth to approve the installation of the school zone speed signs near HOPE Christian School. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

[209-17](#)

Subject: Communication from Margaret Brockman requesting to discuss parking issues at 1948 Saturn Avenue.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 03-20-17: Defer

Margaret Brockman appeared before the Traffic Commission and asked for removal of limited-term parking in front of her property.

Secretary Rooney noted these parking restrictions have been in place for decades in those neighborhoods in response to citizens complaining about high school students taking up on-street parking, loitering and littering. He also noted Alderman Weidner contacted him and asked that this item be deferred. She would like to see if there is a consensus in the neighborhood on that street to remove these signs.

Nhu Tran pointed out that the Traffic Commission did approve an individual request similar to this within the last year and a half.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Mozol, seconded by Perez to defer. Passed unanimously.

Deferred

[283-17](#)

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 94-143(6) of Schedule G relating to "One-half hour parking from 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M., except Sundays and holidays", be amended:

By Deleting:

- 1. Taylor Avenue, east side, from 16th Street north 50 feet.**

Recommended For Approval

Next Meeting Date - April 17, 2017 at 4:00 P.M. in Room 303 at City Hall

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:47 P.M.

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