



# 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, January 15, 2018

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

Also Present: John Rooney, Alderman Perez, Alderman Shakoor, Alderwoman Weidner, Alderwoman Lemke, Laura Sumner Coon, Marcos Chavez, Kim Rangel, Theodore Rangel

#### Approval of Minutes for the December 18, 2017 Meeting

*The minutes of the December 18, 2017 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.*

#### New Business

[0002-18](#)

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer, on behalf of David Petersen, regarding parking restrictions on Melvin Avenue, immediately north of Gardtec, Inc. - 2909 Mt. Pleasant Street.

#### **Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 01-15-18:**

Recommends that "No Parking from 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. on Monday through Friday" be installed on "Melvin Avenue, north side, from Mount Pleasant Street east 320 feet".

**Fiscal Note:** The estimated cost of this signage will result in an installation cost of \$100.00 and an annual maintenance cost of \$40.00.

*Secretary Rooney explained the request from Dave Petersen of Gartdec, wishing to expand No Parking restrictions, Monday through Friday, 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM, north of Gartdec from Mount Pleasant Street to the existing parking restriction just east of Mount Pleasant Street. He noted that similar parking restrictions were made on the north side of Melvin in 2015 in the area of the tool shop on the north side of the street*

where the Racine Curling Club is.

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

**Recommended For Approval**

[1256-17](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Alderwoman of the 6th District, on behalf of Laura Sumner Coon, requesting traffic control along Yout Street near Wadewitz Elementary School (2700 Yout St.).

**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 01-15-18: Defer**

*Laura Sumner Coon and Alderwoman Weidner appeared before the Traffic Commission. Laura Sumner Coon noted there seems to be issues with cars parked in the 2700 block of Yout Street on the north side that make it very difficult to enter Yout Street from Wustum. She noted this problem exists in the morning between 8:15 A.M. and 8:40 A.M. at arrival, and between 3:15 P.M. and 3:40 P.M. for dismissal. She noted there were several cars that park in this area for the pick-up of students.*

*Alderwoman Weidner discussed some of the parking restrictions in the neighborhood and what has been done in the past.*

*Secretary Rooney said he had no information at this time and indicated a study could be done to see what some of the issues are near the intersection of Yout and Wustum.*

*Motion made by Mozol, seconded by Jones to defer. Passed unanimously.*

**Deferred**

[0043-18](#)

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Alderman of the 3rd District, on behalf of Kim Rangel, requesting a "No Parking" sign be installed at 1639 Austin Avenue.

**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 01-15-18: Receive and file.**

**Fiscal Note: N/A**

*Kim Rangel and Theodore Rangel appeared before the Traffic Commission to request a No Parking sign be installed just south of their address at 1639 Austin Avenue. They noted the space between their driveway and the driveway to the south was too small to legally park a car and noted the car would usually protrude into their driveway apron and they asked that space be marked No Parking at Any Time.*

*Secretary Rooney noted that vehicles, by State Statute, cannot legally park within 4 feet of a private driveway and that does not need to be signed by the local municipality. He noted with only 16 feet between the two driveways, that would only leave enough room of 8 feet, which obviously, is too small for any car to park there. He noted this situation exists throughout the City and asked the Traffic Commission not to consider putting in No Parking signs for this situation, that it is simply enforced by RPD. He noted similar situations such as No Parking within 10 feet of a hydrant, and No*

*Parking within 15 feet of a crosswalk that are borne in State Statute and do not need to be signed by the local municipality.*

*Charlie French asked them to speak with the COP House and encouraged them to call the RPD.*

*Lt. Wohlgemuth indicated he would also work with RPD to make sure they are enforcing this location as requested.*

*After further discussion, a motion was made by Mozol, seconded by Wohlgemuth 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**

**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 01-15-18: Defer**

*Alderman Perez appeared before the Traffic Commission. He noted since Kinzie Avenue was replaced from HWY 31 to Ohio Street, he believes speeding has become a problem because of the new roadway. He asked that this be looked at.*

*Both Secretary Rooney and Lt. Wohlgemuth indicated that speed studies were difficult this time of year. Secretary Rooney noted pneumatic tubes cannot be placed because of snow and ice operations and Lt. Wohlgemuth noted the speed trailer has difficulty keeping battery power in extremely cold temperatures. They both noted that speed studies could be done, but they would have to wait until the winter season is complete.*

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

**Deferred**

[1207-17](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 8th District, on behalf of Marco Chavez - 1443 Carlisle Avenue, requesting stop signs at the intersection of Carlisle Avenue and Kewaunee Street.

**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 01-15-18: Defer**

*Alderman Shakoor and Marco Chavez appeared before the Traffic Commission. Marco Chavez requested an all-way stop sign at the intersection of Carlisle Avenue and Kewaunee Street. He noted what he believes to be speeding and accidents around this location.*

*Alderman Shakoor asked for consideration for his constituents request.*

*After further discussion, a motion was made by Mozol, seconded by Jones to defer this item for a speed study and all-way stop analysis. It was noted that speed studies could not be completed until spring. Passed unanimously.*

**Deferred**

[1247-17](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Alderwoman of the 15th District requesting traffic control measures at the corner of Carlton Drive and La Salle Street.

**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 01-15-18: Defer**

*Alderwoman Lemke appeared before the Traffic Commission and explained that some of her constituents feel there are some speeding issues on LaSalle Street, particularly near Jerstad. She asked that all-way stop signs be considered at the intersection of Carlton Drive and LaSalle Street. She noted there are particular problems that were described around arrival and dismissal for the school.*

*Secretary Rooney and Lt. Wohlgemuth again noted speed studies could not be completed until spring.*

*After further discussion, a motion was made by Mozol, seconded by Tran to defer this item for a speed study and for traffic control determination at the intersection of Carlton and LaSalle. Passed unanimously.*

**Deferred**

[0073-18](#)

**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:

**Recommends that Section 94-141(23) of Schedule F relating to "No parking from 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. on Monday through Friday", be amended:**

**By Deleting:**

- 1. Melvin Avenue, north side, from 220 feet east of Mount Pleasant Street east of 100 feet.**

**By Including:**

- 1. Melvin Avenue, north side, from Mount Pleasant Street east 320 feet.**

**Recommended For Approval**

**Next Meeting Date - February 19, 2018 at 4:00 P.M. in Room 303 at City Hall**

**Adjournment**

*The meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.*

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