



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Traffic Commission

Dave Wohlgemuth
Robert Mozol
John Heckenlively
Mark Yehlen
Alderman Sandy Weidner
Laurie Kell

Monday, June 19, 2017

4:00 PM

City Hall, Room 303

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 P.M.

PRESENT: 4 - Robert Mozol, John Heckenlively, Mark Yehlen and Sandy Weidner

EXCUSED: 2 - Dave Wohlgemuth and Laurie Kell

Also Present: John Rooney, Marisa Kasriel attended on behalf of Nhu Tran, Devin Sutherland, Larry Heyman

Approval of Minutes for the May 15, 2017 Meeting

The minutes of the May 15, 2017 meeting were approved as printed.

New Business

[369-17](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderwoman of the 6th District, on behalf of Michael Maxwell, requesting a yield sign be installed on Graham Street at the intersection of Mohr Avenue and Graham Avenue.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 05-15-17: Defer

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 06-19-17: Receive and file.

Fiscal Note: N/A

In the absence of Mike Maxwell, for the second straight meeting, motion made by Mozol, seconded by Weidner to receive and file the communication. Passed unanimously.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[589-17](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Alderwoman of the 6th District wishing to discuss placing traffic calming measures on

Main Street from Seventh Street to the bridge.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 06-19-17: Defer

Alderman Weidner indicated she had spoken with two businesses on Main Street and they were concerned about speeds on the roadway Downtown and she was interested in possible traffic calming measures on Main Street from 7th Street to the bridge.

John Rooney informed the Commission that he believes there are traffic calming measures already in place on Main Street with ten-foot lanes, bump-outs and traffic signals with pedestrian buttons located at each location. He noted narrower lanes slow traffic down, as do bump-outs and noted anytime a gap is needed in traffic for a pedestrian they could use a signalized intersection, which is located at all intersections in the subject area.

Devin Sutherland felt there are some higher speeds Downtown, as well.

There was a discussion about putting signs in the middle of the crosswalks to yield or stop pedestrians.

John Rooney stated that is not permitted on State Trunk Highways at signalized intersections. He did note that a speed study could be done with some pneumatic tubes and to see if a speeding problem exists, then determine what could be done next.

Robert Mozol asked that the tubes be placed immediately after the 4th of July so we could get a report on speeds at the July Traffic Commission meeting.

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

Deferred

[491-17](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 3rd District, on behalf of Jeff Ventura - 1652 Phillips Avenue, requesting a stop or yield sign be placed at the southbound intersection of Phillips Avenue and 17th Street.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 06-19-17: Defer

In the absence of Alderman Tate and Jeff Ventura, a motion was made by Weidner, seconded by Mozol to defer. Passed unanimously.

Deferred

[501-17](#)

Subject: Communication from Lawrence Heyman requesting the removal of the 2-hour parking restriction at 315 Kewaunee Street.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 06-19-17:

Recommends removal of 2-hour parking restrictions in front of 315 Kewaunee Street.

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.

Lawrence Heyman appeared before the Commission and asked for removal of 2-hr parking restrictions in front of his home at 315 Kewaunee Street.

John Rooney noted the 2-hr limited parking restriction has been in existence for decades. He believes it extended passed the commercial property at the southeast corner of Main and Kewaunee when it was a very active real estate agency. He noted DeRango's Pizza and the Phoenix Chocolate Shop currently occupy this space and have off-street parking, as well, in back of the property. He recommended the 2-hr parking restriction be removed in front of 315 Kewaunee Street and moved west, so it only covers the property at DeRango's Pizza and the Phoenix Chocolate Shop.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Mozol, seconded by Weidner to approve the request to remove the parking restriction at 315 Kewaunee Street. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

[505-17](#)

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

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 06-19-17: Receive and file.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alderman Weidner informed the Traffic Commission on what happened to the request of Margaret Brockman at 1948 Saturn Avenue. She noted while the Traffic Commission approved it, she asked for separate consideration at Common Council to deny the request. Her neighborhood should not have parking restrictions removed and added piecemeal in this area.

In the absence of Margaret Brockman, a motion was made by Weidner, seconded by Mozol to receive and file the communication. Passed unanimously.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[623-17](#)

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 (21) of Schedule G relating to "Two-hour parking from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., except on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays", be amended:

By Deleting:

1. Kewaunee Street, south side, from North Main Street east 100 feet.

By Including:

1. Kewaunee Street, south side, from North Main Street east 60 feet.

Recommended For Approval

Next Meeting Date - July 17, 2017 at 4:00 PM in Room 303 at City Hall

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 P.M.

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