



# City of Racine

## Meeting Minutes

### Traffic Commission

City Hall  
730 Washington Ave.  
Racine, WI 53403  
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*Jarvis Finley, Alderman Ronald D. Hart,  
Chairman Martin DeFatte, Charles French, Commissioner Richard Jones,  
Deputy Chief Thomas Christensen, Atty. Scott Letteney*

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Monday, June 19, 2006

5:15 PM

Room 301, City Hall

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#### 1. Call To Order

**PRESENT:** Charles French, Richard Jones and Scott Letteney

**ABSENT:** Jarvis Finley

**EXCUSED:** Ronald D. Hart, Martin DeFatte and Thomas Christensen

Lt. Lopez attended on behalf of Deputy Chief Christensen.

Also present: John Rooney, County Supervisor Gaynell Dyess, Alderman Anderson, Alderman Wisneski

#### 2. Approval of Minutes for the May 15, 2006 Meeting

**A motion was made by Jones, seconded by Letteney, that this file be to Approve the Minutes .**

#### 3. New Business

#### 4. [06-2027](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Racine Art Guild, Inc. requesting "Temporary No Parking" signs be posted on the east side of South Main Street, between 10th and 11th Streets during the Starving Artists Outdoor Art Fair on August 6, 2006.

**Recommendation:** The request to use Temporary No Parking signs on the east side of S. Main Street between 10th and 11th Streets on August 6, 2006, between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. be granted.

Further recommends that the request to waive the "No Parking Any Time" restriction on 10th and 11th Streets before 9:00 A.M. and from 4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. on August 6, 2006, in connection with the Starving Artists Outdoor Art Fair, be granted.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*John Rooney described the request from Racine Art Guild for temporary no parking and also for relaxing parking restrictions near Gateway Technical College on S. Main Street between 10th and 11th Streets. He noted the date of the event is August 6, 2006. He*

*noted this is an annual request that has been approved in the past.*

**Recommended For Adoption**

5.     [06-1828](#)     **Subject:** Communication from 2nd District Alderman and County Supervisor Gaynell Dyess requesting a four way stop sign be installed at the intersection at 20th and Mead Street.

**Recommendation:** A four-way stop sign be installed at the intersection of Mead Street and 20th Street.

**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.

*John Rooney read the traffic study for the intersection of 20th and Mead Street. He noted the intersection did not meet warrants for an all-way stop. He noted that to provide necessary site lines to make the intersection safe for vehicles leaving the east and west approaches, an inordinate amount of parking would have to be removed from the street. He noted a loss of up to 12 parking spaces would be required to provide the proper site lines for safe stopping distance. While he noted that an all-way stop was not warranted at this location, this may be an alternative for the Traffic Commission to consider to not create a hardship of so much parking loss. He did indicate, however, he was not recommending an all-way stop. He was just offering this as an option for them to consider.*

*After further discussion, a motion was made by Jones, seconded by Letteney to approve an all-way stop due to the loss of parking space near the intersection of 20th and Mead.*

**A motion was made by Jones, seconded by Letteney, that this file be Recommended For Adoption .**

6.     [06-1942](#)     **Subject:** Communication regarding the installation of a Stop or Yield sign at the intersection of Monroe and Linderman.

**Recommendation:** Defer

*John Rooney showed an overview slide of the area and the traffic control that exists at each intersection surrounding Monroe and Lindermann Avenues. He indicated there is no accident history at this location.*

*Alderman Wisneski appeared before the Traffic Commission and asked that a traffic study be done. He indicated there was cut-through traffic in the east-west direction for about 3 blocks in this area. He noted the amount of pedestrian traffic and asked that a study be done.*

**Deferred**

7.        [06-2060](#)        **Subject:** Communication from Love Has No Boundaries Childcare & Learning Center, 702 High Street requesting a loading zone sign be placed on the entrance side of the center.

**Recommendation:** The communication be received and filed.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*John Rooney indicated the request for the loading zone is handled administratively. He indicated he had contacted the group interested in the loading zone and asked them to submit an application and indicated this item could be received and filed.*

**A motion was made by that this file be Recommended to be Received and Filed .**

8.        [06-2046](#)        **Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 5th District regarding a 4-way stop sign at the corner of Walton & N. Wisconsin, and a 4-way stop sign at 10th Street and Center Street.

**Recommendation:** Defer

*John Rooney showed a slide of the intersection of Walton and N. Wisconsin Street. He noted this intersection is uncontrolled and did have some accident history. He noted there might be a problem with the site line on the northwest corner of the intersection where the former clinic is located.*

*Rooney also showed a slide of the area near 10th and Center Street. He noted the existing traffic control at the intersection with traffic stopping at the east-west approaches of this intersection. He noted there is some accident history at this intersection as well. He indicated no recent studies have been done at both locations.*

*After further discussion, a motion was made by Jones, seconded by Letteney to defer the items for study. Passed unanimously.*

**A motion was made by that this file be Deferred .**

9.        [06-2049](#)        **Subject:** Communication from Daniel Eternicka regarding the timing of the traffic light on Washington Avenue and Green Bay Road.

**Recommendation:** The communication be received and filed.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*John Rooney indicated this communication was regarding a complaint of the timing of the traffic light at Washington Avenue and Green Bay Road. Rooney indicated this intersection is out of the city limits and the last signalized intersection the City is responsible for on Washington Avenue is the signal at the entrance into Westgate Mall.*

*He asked the item be received and filed.*

**A motion was made by that this file be Recommended to be Received and Filed .**

10. [06-2144](#)

**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 94-66(3) of Schedule C of the Municipal Code of the General Ordinances of the City of Racine relative to "All-way stop intersections" be amended:**

**By Adding:**

**1. Mead Street and 20th Street.**

**A motion was made by that this file be Recommended For Adoption .**

11. **Next Meeting Date**

*The next meeting date will be July 17, 2006.*

12. **Adjournment**

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*John C. Rooney, Secretary*

*Approved,*

*Charles French,*

*Acting Chairman Traffic Commission*

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