



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Traffic Commission

*Terry McCarthy*  
*Dave Wohlgemuth*  
*Robert Mozol*  
*John Heckenlively*  
*Mark Yehlen*  
*Nhu Tran*  
*Charles French*

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Monday, September 19, 2016

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: Dave Wohlgemuth, John Heckenlively, Mark Yehlen, Nhu Tran, Charles French  
Excused: Melissa Lemke, Robert Mozol

Also Present: John Rooney, Alderman Smetana, Chris Becker, Willie McDonald

#### Approval of Minutes for the July 25, 2016 Meeting

*The minutes of the July 25, 2016 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.*

#### New Business

1. [0736-16](#) **Subject:** Communication from Chris Becker (GJ & AM Properties, LLC. - 1500 Summit Ave.) wishing to discuss parking issues in the 1500 block of Summit Avenue.

#### **Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 09-19-16:**

Recommends that the request to install No Parking from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., except on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays in front of 1501 and 1507 Summitt Avenue be approved.

Further recommends that Schedule F of Section 94-141 be amended to create "No Parking, from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., except on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays".

Further recommends that this new section be amended to include:

1. Summit Avenue, east side, from Kewaunee Street north 90 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.

*Chris Becker appeared before the Traffic Commission and requested that some No Parking signs be installed on the 1500 block of Summit Avenue on the east side for a distance of about two homes to assist with getting large tractor trailer vehicles exiting out of the Haban Business Park.*

*In response to a question by the Commission, he indicated he does not have access off of Northwestern to the section of the business park that he uses, as it has been separated into many smaller parcels.*

*After further discussion and input from a resident that appeared before the Commission, a motion was made by Yehlen, seconded by Heckenlively to approve placing No Parking between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday in front of 1501 and 1507 Summit Avenue. Passed unanimously.*

**Recommended For Approval**

2. [0752-16](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 13th District, on behalf of Liz Martin (1919 Deane Blvd) requesting a four-way stop at the intersection of 19th Street and Deane Boulevard.

**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 09-19-16: Defer**

*With no one in attendance to discuss the communication from the Alderman of the 13th District, a motion was made by Heckenlively, seconded by Tran to defer. Passed unanimously.*

**Deferred**

3. [0435-16](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Alderwoman of the 11th District, requesting a stop sign at the intersection of Grove Avenue and Pierce Boulevard.

**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 06-20-16: Defer**

**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 09-19-16: Defer**

*John Rooney distributed the study for the intersection of Grove Avenue and Pierce Boulevard and read the study to the Traffic Commission. He recommended no changes be made at this intersection.*

*In the absence of Alderwoman Land, a motion was made by Tran, seconded by Wohlgemuth to defer and send a copy of the study to Alderwoman Land. Passed unanimously.*

**Deferred**

4. [0707-16](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 5th District requesting a traffic study be done for the intersection of Walton Avenue and N. Wisconsin Street.

**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 09-19-16: Defer**

*Alderman Smetana appeared before the Commission and initially requested flashing*

*LED stop signs at the intersection N. Wisconsin and Walton Avenue.*

*Secretary Rooney noted these types of installations are geared more for higher speed corridors and rural areas to get the attention of motorists of a stop condition ahead. He said these are typically what you would see on County Trunk Highways or rural roadways with speeds 45 mph and greater. He noted that a request such as this, if approved, would be asked for throughout the City and did not recommend the installation.*

*Alderman Smetana noted he believes there have been several accidents and near misses at this location.*

*There was a discussion on whether a study or not might show that these stop signs may need to be reversed if the majority of traffic is being stopped and the minor traffic is being allowed through the intersection north and south. There was also a discussion that Erie and N. Main Street do have a higher volume of traffic in the north south direction and N. Wisconsin is probably not needed to carry the north south volume and these stop signs may need to be reversed.*

*Secretary Rooney recommended the item be deferred for study and the accidents investigated.*

*Motion made by Yehlen, seconded by Heckenlively to defer. Passed unanimously.*

**Deferred**

5. [0708-16](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 5th District requesting a traffic study be done for the intersection of Walton Avenue and Erie Street.

**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 09-19-16:** Receive and file.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Alderman Smetana appeared before the Commission and asked for an all-way stop be placed at the intersection of Walton Avenue and Erie Street.*

*Secretary Rooney noted that with the volumes on Erie Street, minimizing all-way stops is very important. He said there is an all-way stop at the intersection of Melvin Avenue and 3 Mile Road for good cause to assign right-of-way at those busier intersections. He noted the all-way stop between Walton Avenue and Melvin Avenue located at Augusta Street was most likely not warranted and would discourage putting up all-way stop signs on this corridor that carries a significant amount of north south vehicular traffic.*

*Mark Yehlen didn't believe doing a study at this intersection would show the need for an all-way stop at this location. If there were a number of accidents at this location we would have been contacted by RPD or something would have appeared in the paper.*

*After further discussion, a motion was made by Yehlen, seconded by Heckenlively to receive and file. Passed unanimously.*

**Recommended to be Received and Filed**

**Next Meeting Date - October 17, 2016 at 4:00 P.M. in Room 303 at City Hall**

**Adjournment**

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

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