



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Traffic Commission

Monday, May 21, 2018

4:00 PM

City Hall, Room 303

Call To Order

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

Present: Dave Wohlgemuth, Robert Mozol, John Heckenlively, Mark Yehlen, Nhu Arn, Charles French, Mollie Jones

Also Present: John Rooney, Alderman DeHahn, Alderman Perez, Craig Ford, Don Damaschke, Mark Matsen

Approval of Minutes for the April 16, 2018 Meeting

The minutes of the April 16, 2018 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

New Business

[0467-18](#)

Subject: Communication from the Faithbridge Church - 212 11th Street, requesting temporary "No Parking" signs be installed on the north side of 11th Street, between S. Main Street and Wisconsin Avenue between 7:30 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. on August 5, 2018.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 05-21-18:

Recommends that the request to use Temporary No Parking signs on the north side of 11th Street between Wisconsin Avenue and S. Main Street on August 5, 2018 between 7:30 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Don Damaschke appeared before the Traffic Commission and noted this was a similar request as in the past.

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

Recommended For Approval

[0451-18](#)

Subject: Communication from Captain Craig Ford, RFD, requesting to discuss no parking in the 3 Mile Road/Erie Street area.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 05-21-18:

Recommends that no parking at any time be approved on Erie Street, east side, from 130 feet north of Three Mile Road north 23 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.

Captain Craig Ford of RFD appeared before the Traffic Commission to discuss installing 'No Parking at Any time' approximately 130' north of 3 Mile Road on the east side of Erie Street. He noted that this is needed for access of Fire Department trucks to the apartment complex. He noted the larger trucks will have to hop the curb once they access the driveway, but would not be able to do that with a car parked in that location.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Wohlgemuth, seconded by Arn to approve. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

[0373-18](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 7th District, on behalf of Mark Matsen - 2127 Shoop St., regarding parking restrictions on Shoop Street.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 05-21-18: Receive and file.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alderman DeHahn and Mark Matsen appeared before the Traffic Commission to discuss the moving of 2 hour parking restrictions further east from the home of Mark Matsen at 2127 Shoop Street.

Charlie French inquired whether the requester had a driveway they could use.

Mark Matsen replied he and his wife use the driveway and when their parents come to watch their children it would require them to move out of their driveway so that the parent can move in. He noted this was problematic because the '2 hour parking only' allows the parent to park for 2 hours at a time. He noted that the parent then has to leave the house to move the car in the driveway after the parents leave for work.

Chairman French noted this is something he believes could be arranged differently by the parents moving the vehicles out first.

Mark Yehlen noted he was reluctant to make changes to these limited parking zones as they wind up becoming piece meal and difficult to enforce.

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

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[0497-18](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderwoman of the 6th District, on behalf of Essence Black - 1215 Owen St., requesting to appear before

the Traffic Commission to hear her pleas regarding speeding cars in her neighborhood.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 05-21-18:

Recommends that the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

In the absence of Essence Black, the recommendation was made by Dave Wohlgemuth, seconded by Robert Mozol to receive and file the request and have patrol check the area for speeders. Passed unanimously.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[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

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 05-21-18:

Recommends that the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Secretary Rooney read the study for the Traffic Commission members. He noted there appeared to be no problems with sight vision at any of the four quadrants of the intersection of Carlton Drive and La Salle Street. He noted none of the warrants were met for the installation of all-way stops at this location. He noted that the study also indicated there were only a few accidents at this intersection over the last 5 years and they were related to inattentive driving near the intersection. He recommended that no changes to traffic control be made at this time.

Motion made by Arn, seconded by Mozol 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

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 04-16-18: Receive and file.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 05-21-18:

Recommends that the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alderman Perez appeared before the Traffic Commission and wanted something done to slow the traffic down on Kinzie Avenue.

Secretary Rooney went through the speed study, again, conducted by the Engineering Department. He noted average speeds on the straight portion of Kinzie Avenue between Ohio and Hwy 31, was 31 mph which mirrors the posted 30 mph speed limit. He noted the 85% speeds on this corridor to be around 36 mph. He noted that did not seem to be a speeding problem insofar as the Engineering Department is concerned. He noted the average speeds are at the posted speed limit and 85 out of every 100 drivers drive through this corridor at 36 mph or less than 36 mph. He noted if the speed study was conducted closer to Ohio Street, where the two curves in the road are, he is sure the speed limit would have been dramatically lower as two curves on the roadway already create traffic calming by making vehicles slow down to negotiate the curves in the roadway.

There was a discussion about putting bike lanes along this corridor to slow the speed down.

Secretary Rooney noted the roadway is not wide enough to install bike lanes without eliminating parking on at least one side of the roadway.

Lt. Wohlgemuth noted he would have the Traffic Investigators and Patrol look into doing some speed enforcement in the area. He asked Secretary Rooney to provide information from the speed study to maybe see if he could narrow down the certain times of day vehicles driving in excess of 11 mph where driving down Kinzie Avenue.

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

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[0410-18](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 12th District requesting the City policy for Deaf Child Warning Signs be revised.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 05-21-18:

Recommends that the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alderman Perez appeared before the Traffic Commission and requested that the City policy for Deaf Child Warning Signs be revised so that it could be considered up to an age of 18.

Secretary Rooney noted that the warning signs for deaf and blind child signs have applications on file that require the signs to be posted only for those children under the age of 13. He noted that all young children, even those without disabilities, can have some type of assistance needed to cross roadways, in the case of crossing guards or in the case of warning signs for those with disabilities. He noted the age was set because above that most of these children have begun to learn to make better decisions moving out of their pre-teen years and moving into early adulthood.

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

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[0565-18](#)

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:

A. Recommends that Section 94-141(1) of Schedule F relating to "No parking at any time", be amended:

By Including:

1. Erie Street, east side, from 130 feet north of Three Mile Road north 23 feet.

Recommended For Approval

Next Meeting Date - June 18, 2018 at 4:00 P.M. in Room 303 at City Hall

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 P.M.

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