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Meeting Minutes - Final

Traffic Commission

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

Monday, November 21, 2016

4:00 PM

City Hall, Room 303

Call To Order

Present: Charles French, Mark Yehlen, John Heckenlively, D/C Weitzel on behalf of Lt. Wohlgemuth, Nhu Tran
Excused: Robert Mozol

Also Present: John Rooney, Alderwoman Weidner, Alderwoman Larrin, Liz Martin, Tom Karkow

Approval of Minutes for the September 19, 2016 Meeting

The minutes of the September 19, 2016 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

New Business

[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

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 11-21-16:
Recommends that stop signs be reversed at the intersections of Deane Boulevard and 19th 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.

Liz Martin appeared before the Traffic Commission and explained her concerns regarding some accidents and near misses at the intersection of 19th Street and Deane Boulevard.

Secretary Rooney noted a study was done after the completion of 21st Street reconstruction project from Taylor Avenue to Grove Avenue. This was done so no

detour traffic would be going through the area. He noted that four accidents took place over a five-year period. None of them were correctable by traffic control. He did note the approaches being stopped in the east-west direction have four times the traffic volume as the approaches going north-south. He recommended reversal of the stop signs at this location to stop the minor volume of traffic and let the major volume of traffic go through.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Yehlen, seconded by Weitzel to approve reversal of the stop signs. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

[0927-16](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 13th District requesting stop signs or yield signs at the intersections of Grange Avenue and 19th/20th Streets.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 11-21-16: Defer

In the absence of Alderman Morgenroth, a motion was made by Tran, seconded by Heckenlively to defer. Passed unanimously.

Deferred

[0819-16](#)

Subject: Communication from Joanne Takerian requesting the removal of a "No Parking" sign in front of Gales Manufacturing Corporation, 1541 Owen Avenue.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 11-21-16:

Recommends that No Parking restrictions in front of Gales Manufacturing Corporation, 1541 Owen Avenue, be removed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Secretary Rooney read a communication from Joanne Takerian indicating the parking restriction at 1541 Owen Avenue is no longer needed and has the support of Alderman Shields.

Motion made by Yehlen, seconded by Weitzel to approve removal of the no parking sign. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

[0269-16](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 9th District requesting a traffic study at the corner of Osborne, Blaine and Haven.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 05-16-16: Defer

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

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 11-21-16: Defer

In the absence of Alderman McCarthy, this item moved to defer. Secretary Rooney noted the study is complete at this time.

Motion made by Tran, seconded by Heckenlively to defer. Passed unanimously.

Deferred

[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

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 11-21-16: Receive and file.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Secretary Rooney noted the traffic study has been complete and ready for discussion for the second consecutive meeting.

In the absence of Alderman Land and no one showing up for the meeting, a motion was made by Tran, seconded by Heckenlively to receive and file. Passed unanimously.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[0913-16](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderwoman of the 6th District, on behalf of Janet Mrazek (2520 West High Street), requesting a No Parking area near the West High Street roundabout area.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 11-21-16: Defer

Alderwoman Weidner appeared before the Traffic Commission and expressed concerns of parking on the south side of the West High Street approach into the new roundabout at Northwestern Avenue. She believes parking on the south side will create hazard to traffic trying to enter the roundabout. She cited several locations where a van and trailer being parked there seems to create a problem, particularly with parking too far from the curb. She recommended removal of parking all the way to Orange Street.

Secretary Rooney noted that in his opinion, removing parking on West High Street up to the splitter island from Orange Street is not necessary. He noted parking is allowed on both sides of West High Street all the way to Jefferson Street. He noted the width of West High Street into the roundabout is the exact same width of the original West High Street that went into Northwestern Avenue at a more conventional type intersection. He felt there was no hazard to driving this approach into the roundabout. He commented that on-street parking for those on the south side of the street would cease to exist with approval of no parking.

Alderwoman Weidner asked the Traffic Commission members to look at it for themselves and asked that the item be deferred.

Motion made by Weitzel, seconded by Heckenlively to defer. Passed unanimously.

Deferred

[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

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 11-21-16: Defer

Secretary Rooney noted Alderman Smetana could not make the meeting and asked for the item to be deferred.

Motion made by Heckenlively, seconded by Tran to defer. Passed unanimously.

Deferred

[0767-16](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 7th District requesting the elimination of 2-hour parking in the Horlick High School/Gilmore Middle School area.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 11-21-16: Defer

Secretary Rooney read the communication.

In the absence of Alderman DeHahn, a motion was made by Tran, seconded by Heckenlively to defer. Passed unanimously.

Deferred

[0816-16](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderwoman of the 4th District requesting a traffic study be done for the intersection of Hubbard Street and Erie Street.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 11-21-16: Defer

Alderwoman Larrin appeared before the Traffic Commission and stated there was difficulty seeing traffic in the north-south direction, particularly from the west approach of Hubbard Street at Erie Street. She noted no parking exists on the east side of Erie Street. She noted a bicyclist was hit earlier in the year and there was a fatality crash about ten years ago at this location.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Tran, seconded by Heckenlively to defer the item for study. Passed unanimously.

Deferred

[0891-16](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 12th District requesting a parking restriction on Ohio Street at the southeast corner with Ridgeway Avenue.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 11-21-16: Defer

Secretary Rooney read the communication from the Alderman of the 12th District.

In the absence of the alderman, a motion was made by Tran, seconded by Heckenlively to defer. Passed unanimously.

Deferred

[1021-16](#)

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 (2) of Schedule C of the Municipal Code of the General Ordinances of the City of Racine relative to "Stop intersections" be amended:

By Deleting:

Right-of-way traffic on "Deane Boulevard"; Stop signs facing traffic on "19th Street".

By Including:

Right-of-way traffic on "19th Street"; Stop signs facing traffic on "Deane Boulevard".

B. Recommends that Section 94-141 (6) of Schedule F relating to "No parking from 7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. except on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays", be amended:

By Deleting:

Owen Avenue, both sides, from 16th Street north 80 feet.

Recommended For Approval

Next Meeting Date - December 19, 2016 at 4:00 P.M. in Room 303 at City Hall

Adjournment

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