



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Traffic Commission

*Chairman Martin DeFatte, Alderman Gregory Holding,
Commissioner Richard Jones, Atty. Nicole Loop, Lt. James
Dobbs, Charles French, John Heckenlively*

Monday, May 17, 2010

5:15 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:17 P.M.

PRESENT: 6 - Gregory Holding, James Dobbs, Martin DeFatte, Charles French, Richard Jones and John Heckenlively

EXCUSED: 1 - Nicole Loop

Also Present: John Rooney, Jamie Brands, Delmarie Brands

Approval of Minutes for the April 26, 2010 Meeting

The minutes of the April 26, 2010 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

New Business

1. [10-5212](#) **Subject:** Ord.7-10 To amend Section 94-96 of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin relating to Traffic and Vehicles; Specific Street Regulations - U-turns prohibited.

The Common Council of the City of Racine do ordain as follows:

Part 1:

Section 94-96 of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine is hereby amended by adding the following at the end of the section:

"South approach of N. Memorial Drive at State Street
Northeast approach of Washington Avenue at Racine Street
East approach of 16th Street at Taylor Avenue
West approach of 21st Street at Taylor Avenue
West approach of Durand Avenue at Taylor Avenue
Southeast approach of Northwestern Avenue at High Street
Southwest approach of Washington Avenue at 12th Street
West approach of 12th Street at Washington Avenue"

Part 2:

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and the day after publication.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 05-17-10: Approve Ordinance 7-10.

Fiscal Note: N/A

John Rooney explained the Ordinance codifies the discussion from the April Traffic Commission meeting, where he recommended that U-turns be made illegal at some signalized intersections on the approaches that have conflicts with overlapping right/left turn phases. Also those intersections signalized that were set up for preemption with railroad crossings and fire stations. He noted this is in response to Wisconsin Act 97 that was published in December of 2009 and became law effective January 1, 2010. He noted these prohibited U-turn movements on these approaches are also supported by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and the Institute for Transportation Engineers.

Motion made by Holding, seconded by French to approve. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

2. [10-5083](#)

Subject: Communication from Jamie Brands, requesting "15 Minute Parking" signs be placed on the north side of Barker Street for his child care center located at 1401 N. Main Street.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 04-17-10: Receive and file.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Jamie and Delmarie Brands appeared before the Commission and asked for 15 minute parking signs to be placed on the north side of Barker Street for a child care center located 1401 N. Main Street. Jamie noted this would be a close, safe entrance for customers. He noted the hours of business would be 5:45 A.M. to 12:00 midnight.

John Rooney noted 15 minute parking is not a typical limited-term parking used for most business areas or other reasons to prohibit long-term parking. He noted this application seemed more fitted to an area privilege permit for a loading zone. He described the loading zone options for Monday through Saturday 9 A.M. to 6 P.M. or 24 hour day/7 day-a-week loading zone privilege. He distributed application materials for Jamie and Delmarie Brands to review.

Charlie French noted there are difficult parking situations when it comes to residential areas and areas near schools, such as Janes, and recommended an area privilege permit as well.

Greg Holding noted these area privilege permits are typically geared more towards business use.

Jamie Brands said he would review the materials and work with the City Engineer's Office to install a loading zone.

After further discussion, motion was made by Holding, seconded by Dobbs to receive

and file the item. Passed unanimously.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

Next Meeting Date

The next Traffic Commission meeting will be June 21, 2010 at 5:15 P.M. in Room 306 (old City Development Office) at City Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

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