



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Final Traffic Commission

*Chairman Jim Kaplan, Nicole Larsen, Charles French, John Heckenlively, Mark Yehlen, Dave Wohlgemuth, Robert Mozol, Alderman Jim Morgenroth*

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Monday, June 15, 2015

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: Jim Morgenroth, Charles French, Mark Yehlen, John Heckenlively, Robert Mozol, Lt. Dave Wohlgemuth, Nicole Larsen

Also Present: John Rooney, Tom Karkow, Alexandra Tillmann, Don Damaschke

### Approval of Minutes for the April 20, 2015 Meeting

*The minutes of the April 20, 2015 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.*

### New Business

1. [14-10749](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Alderman of the 8th District, on behalf of Steve Avila and Norma Diaz, requesting the installation of safety signs at the intersection of West Street and Dr. M.L. King Jr. Drive.

**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 11-17-14:** Defer

**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 06-15-15:** Defer

*In the absence of Alderman Shakoor, Steve Avila and Norma Diaz, acting Chairman French asked that the item be deferred.*

*Motion made by Wohlgemuth, seconded by Mozol to defer. Passed unanimously.*

**Deferred**

2. [15-00513](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Racine County Executive Safety Committee requesting permission to place a crosswalk yield sign on the 700 block of Wisconsin Avenue.

**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 06-15-15:**

Recommends that the request to place a crosswalk yield sign on the 700 block of Wisconsin Avenue be approved.

Further recommends that Racine County be permitted to place the sign from 7:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. on business days, subject to the following conditions:

1. Racine County is responsible for procuring the movable "yield-to-pedestrian within crosswalk" sign and maintaining it.
2. The sign meets all the requirements of the latest edition of the FHWA (Federal Highway Association) Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).
3. The sign is placed on the centerline of the roadway on Wisconsin Avenue, in the painted crosswalk mid-block between Seventh Street and Eighth Street, as to not obstruct vehicular traffic.
4. The sign will be removed by Racine County during snow & ice operations, and as directed by the Commissioner of Public Works for street maintenance or construction.
5. Racine County enters into a hold harmless agreement with the City of Racine for placement of movable "yield-to-pedestrian within crosswalk" sign in City right-of-way.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*John Rooney read a request from the Racine County Executive Safety Committee requesting permission to place a crosswalk yield sign in the 700 block of Wisconsin Avenue. He read the request and noted permission was being requested to place a portable pedestrian yield sign in the mid-block crossing between the Law Enforcement Center and the Racine County Courthouse. He noted a similar request was brought to the Traffic Commission back in 2007 by the West Racine Business Association and the Downtown Racine Corporation to place similar devices at intersections without signals in the two business districts. He noted that while the Traffic Commission did not oppose the request, there was no money from either business association to purchase the portable signs, nor to pay DPW to maintain them or have the business districts maintain the signs themselves. He noted the Pedestrian Yield Sign that was requested to be placed does meet the requirements of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. He noted, as staff to the Traffic Commission, he had no objections to the request and noted this was actually one of the locations that was suggested to place one back in 2007.*

*Mark Yehlen indicated that the County should be responsible for moving the sign during snow and ice operations as Wisconsin Avenue is a bare pavement street.*

*Alexandra Tillmann appeared before the Commission and noted that the signs would be maintained by the Deputies that serve the LEC and Racine County Courthouse. She asked that the signs be placed from 7:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. on business days.*

*John Rooney suggested the following conditions: that Racine County is responsible for procuring the sign and maintaining it, the sign meets the latest edition of the MUTCD, the sign is placed on center line of the roadway in the crosswalk and not obstruct vehicular traffic, the sign will be removed during snow and ice operations or as directed by the Commissioner of Public Works for street maintenance or construction and that Racine County enter into a hold harmless agreement with the City for the placement of a movable sign in City right-of-way.*

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

**Recommended For Approval**

3. [15-00531](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Evangelical United Methodist Church (212 11th St.) requesting temporary "No Parking" signs be installed on the north side of 11th Street, between S. Main Street and Wisconsin Avenue on August, 2, 2015 between 7:30 A.M. and 1:00 P.M.

**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 06-15-15:**

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 2, 2015 between 7:30 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. be granted.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*John Rooney noted this was an annual request for no parking signs to be installed on the north side of 11th Street in an effort to make sure parking is available for church services on the same day of the Starving Artist Outdoor Fair across the street from Gateway. He noted this is an annual request and has been approved in the past.*

*Don Damaschke appeared before the Commission to answer any questions.*

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

**Recommended For Approval**

4. [15-00536](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from Amanda Lawrence requesting the use of "Temporary No Parking" signs and requesting parking restrictions in conjunction with the Starving Artist Outdoor Fair, on Sunday, August 2, 2015.

**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 06-15-15:**

Recommends that the request to use Temporary No Parking signs on the east side of S. Main Street between 10th and 11th Streets on August 2, 2015 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 2, 2015, in connection with the Starving Artists Outdoor Art Fair, be granted.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*John Rooney read the request from Amanda Lawrence regarding the use of temporary no parking signs and requesting parking restrictions in conjunction with the Starving Artist Fair on Sunday, August 2, 2015. He noted this request has been approved in the past.*

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

**Recommended For Approval**

**Next Meeting Date - July 20, 2015 at 4:00 P.M. in Room 303 at City Hall**

*All members were present to elect a citizen Chairman of the Traffic Commission. A motion was made by Mozol, seconded by Morgenroth to nominate Charles French as Chairman. Passed unanimously.*

*A motion was then made by Morgenroth, seconded by Yehlen to nominate Robert Mozol as the Vice-Chairman in Charles French's absence. Passed unanimously.*

**Adjournment**

*The meeting adjourned at 4:23 P.M.*

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