



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Traffic Commission

Chairman Alderman Sandy Weidner
Co-Chairman Martin DeFatte
Atty. Nicole Loop
Charles French
John Heckenlively
Lt. Chuck Weitzel
Mark Yehlen

Monday, December 19, 2011

5:15 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 P.M.

PRESENT: 7 - Nicole Loop, Martin DeFatte, Charles French, John Heckenlively, Lt. Chuck Weitzel, Chairman Weidner and Mark Yehlen

Also Present: John Rooney, Ben Flegel

Approval of Minutes for the October 17, 2011 Meeting

New Business

1. [11-6982](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 6th District regarding the parking of commercial vehicles on residential streets.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 12-19-11: Receive and file.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alderman Weidner discussed some of the problems with large vehicles parked on residential streets. She more particularly described construction commercial vehicles on residential streets that have become eye sores in some of her constituents' neighborhoods.

John Rooney gave the background on the overnight vehicle weight and length limitations. He noted those were increased from 6,000 to 10,000 lbs. several years ago when larger trucks and sports utility vehicles became more ubiquitous.

Lt. Weitzel noted these types of calls for service are low priority and more attention needs to be made to get oversized vehicles off the street.

Charlie French reminded the Traffic Commission members this item was discussed many years ago about the larger size vehicles being left parked on the streets. However, back then there was no clear violation of the ordinance with them doing so.

Alderman Weidner also commented on some of the oversized vehicles that couldn't be stored on the streets were being stored in the back yards of properties off alleys where property owners were removing fence and parking those vehicles on the grass in back yards. She noted the difficulty of having the UNIT come out and issue permits to have the matter taken care of.

Nicole Loop added that the Police Department can effectively enforce any ordinance on the books even if it is outside the UNIT's normal business hours.

After further discussion, motion made by Weidner, seconded by French to receive and file the item. Passed unanimously.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

2. [11-7151](#)

Subject: Communication from David Flegel, Vice President-Reliance Controls Corporation, requesting removal of parking restrictions on Young Court.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 12-19-11: Approve "No parking at any time" restrictions on Young Court, north side, from 160 feet east of Mount Pleasant Street east 160 feet.

Fiscal Note: The estimated cost of this signage will result in an installation cost of \$150.00 and an annual maintenance cost of \$60.00.

Ben Flegel, from Reliance Controls Corporation, requested removal of parking restrictions on Young Court. He noted that employment has increased quite a bit at their facility and the off-street parking facility cannot park all the necessary vehicles and asked that parking be allowed on Young Court. He noted currently that no parking was allowed in the right-of-way for the entire length of Young Court, including the cul de sac.

John Rooney noted that parking restrictions on Young Court were made at the request of the businesses back in 1994. He noted from those Traffic Commission minutes there were concerns back then with many people using the ball diamonds down in the reservoir for on-street parking, thus making it difficult for vehicles making deliveries to get in and out of Young Court. He noted that area is now fenced off and no longer used for a recreational facility. He also noted he has no problem removing parking restrictions on Young Court with the exception of a portion of the north side of the street opposite the driveways into Reliance where parking should be prohibited to allow the movement of trucks in and out of the property. He also cautioned Mr. Flegel that if there are different shift operations working at Reliance, they do need to be mindful of alternate street side parking ordinances once the restrictions are lifted and approved by Common Council.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Weidner, seconded by French to eliminate no parking restrictions on Young Court with the exception of the area on the north side of Young Court opposite the driveways of Reliance Controls Corporation. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

3. [11-6987](#)

Subject: Communication from Judy Burns (4601 Wright Avenue), requesting a 4-way stop at the intersection of Virginia Street and

Wright Avenue.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 12-19-11: Receive and file.

Fiscal Note: N/A

John Rooney noted the requester of this communication asked that the item be received and filed.

Motion made by French, seconded by Heckenlively to receive and file. Passed unanimously.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

4. [12-7229](#)

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 of the Municipal Code of the General Ordinances of the City of Racine relative to "No parking at any time" be amended:

By Including:

1. Young Court, north side, from 160 feet east of Mount Pleasant Street east 160 feet.

By Deleting:

1. Young Court, both sides, from Mount Pleasant Street to its east terminus.

Recommended For Approval

Next Meeting Date

The next Traffic Commission meeting will be January 16, 2012 at 5:15 P.M. in Room 301 at City Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 P.M.

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