



# City of Racine

## Meeting Minutes

### Traffic Commission

City Hall  
730 Washington Ave.  
Racine, WI 53403  
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*Chairman Martin DeFatte, Alderman Ronald D. Hart  
Atty. Scott Letteney, Commissioner Richard Jones  
Deputy Chief Steven Hurley, Jarvis Finley, Charles French*

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Monday, April 16, 2007

5:15 PM

Room 301 - City Hall

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#### Call To Order

*Meeting was called to order at 5:15 PM*

**PRESENT:** 4 - Steven Hurley, Martin DeFatte, Charles French and Scott Letteney

**EXCUSED:** 3 - Jarvis Finley, Ronald D. Hart and Richard Jones

Also Present: John Rooney, Alderman Maack, Alderman Holding

#### Approval of Minutes for the March 19, 2007 Meeting

*Motion made by French, seconded by Letteney to approve the minutes as printed.*

#### New Business

1. [06-2918](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Alderman of the 5th District, on behalf of Dan Malnar, 1922 Geneva St, requesting the City enact an ordinance which would require school buses to use their stop signs when picking up and dropping off students.

**Recommendation:** Deferred

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Alderman Maack appeared before the Commission and asked for a change in ordinance which would require bus stops to use their stop signs and flashing lights when picking up and dropping off students. He cited a Prairie du Chien ordinance which requires buses to do the same. He distributed a letter from Karen Flynn, the Transportation Specialist from Racine Unified School District, concurring with the request and submitted her letter of support to the Traffic Commission. Alderman Maack again cited near misses for accidents that are not recorded.*

*Chairman DeFatte noted that a representative from Durham School Services was invited to the meeting but could not attend.*

*Scott Letteney explained the State law and what it permits by local ordinance. He noted that only those areas where the bus specifically has to stop and cross children across the street using its stop signs and flashing red lights, are those areas the City could make an exception to the State law and enact a local ordinance.*

*John Rooney noted that unless a list is submitted, either by Durham School Services, the*

*contract agent for Racine Unified School District, or Racine Unified School District specifying these locations that buses need to stop traffic to cross children across the street, then this item should be received and filed.*

*Alderman Maack indicated he would contact Racine Unified School District and Durham School Services to see if such a list exists, and if it does, he will bring it to the next Traffic Commission meeting. If no lists exists, then he would agree with the item being received and filed.*

*After further discussion, a motion was made by Letteney, seconded by French to defer the item. Passed unanimously.*

**Deferred**

2. [Ord.08-07](#) Ordinance No. 8-07

To amend Sec. 94-94 of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin relating to Traffic and Vehicles - Mandatory right turns.

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

Part 1:

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

"(e) The operator of a vehicle proceeding northerly on Racine Street and approaching Washington Avenue shall turn right onto Washington Avenue and shall not proceed in any other direction.

(f) The operator of a vehicle proceeding northerly on Racine Street and approaching 11th Street in the lane furthest to the right shall turn right onto 11th Street and shall not proceed in any other direction."

Part 2:

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

Passed by the Common Council

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

City Clerk

Fiscal Note: N/A

*John Rooney noted this was the Ordinance for the requirement that vehicles going northbound on State Trunk Highway 32 would have to make a right turn if in the right*

*most lane at 11th Street and make a right turn only once they approached Washington Avenue eastbound.*

*A motion was made by French, seconded by Letteney to adopt Ordinance 8-07. Passed unanimously.*

**Recommended For Adoption**

3.     [07-0506](#)     **Subject:** To amend Sec. 94-94 of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin relating to Traffic and Vehicles - Mandatory right turns. (Ordinance No. 8-07)

**Recommendation:** Ordinance be adopted.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Recommended For Adoption**

#### **Next Meeting Date**

*Next meeting date is May 21, 2007.*

#### **Adjournment**

*Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM*

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