



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Traffic Commission

*Dave Wohlgemuth
Robert Mozol
John Heckenlively
Mark Yehlen
Nhu Tran
Charles French
Alderman Henry Perez*

Monday, February 20, 2017

4:00 PM

City Hall, Room 303

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M.

PRESENT: 7 - Dave Wohlgemuth, Robert Mozol, John Heckenlively, Mark Yehlen, Nhu Tran, Charles French and Henry Perez

Also Present: John Rooney, Bill Folstrom, Alderman Smetana, Brenda Thomas

Approval of Minutes for the January 16, 2017 Meeting

The minutes of the January 16, 2017 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

New Business

[14-17](#)

Subject: Communication from Jess Furlough & Brenda Thomas, Co-Chairs - Starving Artist Outdoor Fair, requesting the use of "Temporary No Parking" signs and requesting parking restrictions in conjunction with the Starving Artist Outdoor Fair, on Sunday, August 6, 2017.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 02-20-17:

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 6, 2017, 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 6, 2017, in connection with the Starving Artists Outdoor Art Fair, be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Brenda Thomas appeared before the Commission to describe the event.

John Rooney noted this was an annual request.

Motion made by Heckenlively, seconded by Wohlgemuth to approve. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

[29-17](#)

Subject: Communication from the Public Works Street Superintendent requesting seasonal restrictions on West High Street for snow removal.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 02-20-17:

Recommends that the request to place seasonal parking restrictions for snow and ice operations on the north side of West High Street, from Owen Street to 90 feet east of Orange Street be granted.

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.

Bill Folstrom appeared before the Traffic Commission and expressed the need for DPW to have seasonal winter parking restrictions on the north side of West High Street from Owen Street to the slip ramp in the roundabout. He noted it is difficult to get through that narrow street for plowing operations as it is a bare pavement street with the amount of snow that is being pushed through the roundabout west down West High Street.

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

Recommended For Approval

[37-17](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 8th District, requesting to add a right-turn only lane to the northwest lane of Memorial Drive and West Sixth Street.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 02-20-17: Defer

Chairman French asked that this item be deferred on behalf of Alderman Shakoor.

Motion made by Wohlgemuth, seconded by Mozol to defer. 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

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 12-19-16: Receive and file.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 02-20-17: Defer

Alderman Perez expressed concerns with motorists trying to exit on Ohio Street from the east approach on Ridgeway. He noted it was difficult for vehicles entering Ohio Street to see vehicles coming from the south and noted there has been extra traffic, he believes, using this area to avoid the construction of the new gas station and car wash on Spring Street and Green Bay Road.

John Rooney noted that a study could be performed to see if there is adequate vision triangle for safe stopping distance for vehicles approaching from the south traveling northbound. He also noted that accident or crash history could be examined from the RPD to see if, in fact, an issue exists for the problem that Alderman Perez describes.

Motion made by Yehlen, seconded by Mozol 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**

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 12-19-16: Receive and file.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 02-20-17: Receive and file.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alderman Smetana appeared before the Traffic Commission and requested a 4-way stop.

Chairman French asked John Rooney to summarize the study that was done in the area.

John Rooney reiterated the existing 2-way stops should remain unchanged. He noted the intersection does not have a crash history that could be corrected by traffic control. He even indicated the traffic volume is so light through that intersection that the intersection could actually perform as uncontrolled.

Mark Yehlen commented that unwarranted stop signs develop disregard for by motorists making the intersections usually more dangerous.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Mozol, seconded by Yehlen to receive and file the item. Members voting aye: Wohlgemuth, Mozol, Heckenlively, Yehlen, Tran

Members voting naye: Perez

Motion passed 5:1

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[170-17](#)

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(34) of Schedule F relating to "No parking at any time December 1 to April 1", be amended:

By Including:

West High Street, north side, from Owen Street to 90 feet east of Orange Street.

Recommended For Approval

Next Meeting Date - March 20, 2017 at 4:00 PM in Room 303 at City Hall

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:43 P.M.

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