



City of Racine

Meeting Minutes

Traffic Commission

City Hall
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*Jarvis Finley, Alderman Ronald D. Hart,
Chairman Martin DeFatte, Charles French, Commissioner Richard Jones,
Deputy Chief Thomas Christensen, Atty. Scott Letteney*

Monday, July 17, 2006

5:15 PM

Room 301, City Hall

Call To Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:15 P.M.

PRESENT: Martin DeFatte, Charles French, Richard Jones, Thomas Christensen and Scott Letteney

EXCUSED: Jarvis Finley and Ronald D. Hart

Also Present: John Rooney, Rosalinda Arrendo, Daniel Arrendo, Alderman Holding, Peter Rubel

Approval of Minutes for the June 19, 2006 Meeting

to Approve the Minutes

New Business

1. [06-1942](#) **Subject:** Communication regarding the installation of a Stop or Yield sign at the intersection of Monroe and Linderman.

Recommendation: The communication be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

John Rooney explained the traffic study to the Commission. He noted the intersection of Monroe and Linderman did not meet the warrants for a 4-way stop. He also noted the current conditions didn't warrant the existing traffic control that was in place; however, he did recommend the existing traffic control remain. Rooney also noted the intersection had zero accidents over the last five years and asked the item be received and filed.

Chairman DeFatte asked that it be noted that Alderman Wisneski and Brian Wolf did not attend the meeting.

A motion was made by Jones, seconded by French to receive and file the item. Passed unanimously.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

2. [06-2046](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 5th District regarding a 4-way stop sign at the corner of Walton & N. Wisconsin, and a 4-way stop sign at 10th Street and Center Street.

Recommendation: The request for a 4-way stop at the intersection of Walton Avenue and North Wisconsin Street be received and filed. **Defer 4-way stop sign at 10th St. and Center Street until future meeting.**

Fiscal Note: N/A

Rosalinda Arrendo appeared before the Commission and indicated there was increase traffic at the intersection, particularly in the north-south direction. She noted motorists exceeding the speed limit and also increased events at the zoo for the problems that are causing problems at the intersection.

John Rooney noted that based on the results of the study that a 4-way stop was not warranted. He noted there were only two crashes at the intersection in the last five years and noted that neither traffic accident could be corrected by additional traffic control. He asked the communication be received and filed.

Deputy Chief Christensen indicated that a speed trailer would be deployed in the area for N. Wisconsin Street.

A motion was made by French, seconded by Jones to receive and file the part of the communication dealing with the 4-way stop at Walton and N. Wisconsin. Passed unanimously.

The part of the communication dealing with the 4-way stop at 10th Street and Center Street will be deferred until a future meeting.

A motion was made by French, seconded by Jones, that this file be Deferred .

3. [06-2280](#) **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 anytime" be amended:

By Adding:

1. Mound Avenue, west side, from 1000 feet south of Liberty Street south 1,240 feet, and from West Sixth Street north 560 feet.

2. Mound Avenue, west side, from 16 feet south of Liberty Street, south 48 feet.

3. Mound Avenue, west side, from 235 feet south of Liberty Street, south 328 feet.

By Deleting:

1. Mound Avenue, west side, from 300 feet south of Liberty Street south 400 feet and from 1,000 feet to 1,240 feet south of Liberty Street, and from West Sixth Street north 560 feet.

B. Recommends that Section 94-141(9) of Schedule F of the Municipal Code of the General Ordinances of the City of Racine relative to "No stopping, standing or parking from 7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. on any school day except for school buses" be amended:

By Adding:

1. Mound Avenue, west side, from 625 feet south of Liberty Street south 448 feet.

C. Recommends that Section 94-143(8) of Schedule G of the Municipal Code of the General Ordinances of the City of Racine relative to "One-hour parking from 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., except Sundays and holidays" be amended:

By Deleting:

1. Mound Avenue, west side, from 700 feet south of Liberty Street south 240 feet.

Recommended For Adoption

4. [06-2182](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 11th District, on behalf of Peter Rubel, 2012 Deane Blvd., submitting a petition for placement of a four-way stop at the intersection of 20th Street and Deane Boulevard.

Recommendation: The communication be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Peter Rubel and Alderman Holding appeared before the Commission. Peter Rubel indicated he was tired of the speeding on Deane Boulevard. He indicated there were problems with sight lines because of the increase of the number of cars parked on the street, particularly in close proximity to the intersection of 20th Street and Deane Boulevard.

Alderman Holding indicated he was happy with the petition and perhaps some stop signs could be reversed to disrupt some of the cut-through traffic in the neighborhood.

Chairman DeFatte noted that sometimes alternating or reversing creates problems in other areas and has noted in the past those areas had to be reversed back again to the original condition.

John Rooney commented the warrants for the proposed 4-way stop at this intersection would most likely not be met. He noted one accident occurred over the last six years. He indicated there were no problems with sight lines at the intersection and noted the cars parked illegally within close proximity to the cross walk is perhaps causing the problem.

Deputy Chief Christensen indicated he would deploy the speed trailer in the area of Deane Boulevard and would also ask the patrol officers to make sure people are parking legally at the intersection to provide the sight lines necessary.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Jones, seconded by French to receive and file the communication. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Jones, seconded by French, that this file be Recommended to be Received and Filed .

5. [06-2230](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the ACPW/Engineer regarding the installation of school zone parking restrictions for 21st Century School and Next Generation Now.

Recommendation: The request to install school parking zone restrictions be approved.

Fiscal Note: The estimated cost of this signage will result in an installation cost of \$300.00 and an annual maintenance cost of \$120.00.

John Rooney noted this was a request from one of the traffic investigators at the Racine Police Department. He noted that the former Western Publishing building is now occupied by two schools - 21st Century Preparatory and Next Generation Now. He noted the school does not have parking restrictions in this area as required by State Statute. He indicated the changes that needed to be made in parking regulations on the street to provide the no standing, stopping, and parking for school buses and the appropriate loading zones for drop-off and pickup of passengers. He further noted a bus stop would have to be moved slightly in this area to accommodate the changes.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Jones and seconded by French to approve the request. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Jones, seconded by French, that this file be Recommended For Adoption .

6. Next Meeting Date

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:48 P.M.

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