



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Traffic Commission

*Chairman Martin DeFatte, Alderman Gregory Holding,
Commissioner Richard Jones, Atty. Nicole Loop, Lt. James
Dobbs, Charles French, John Heckenlively*

Monday, October 18, 2010

5:15 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call To Order

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

PRESENT: 7 - Gregory Holding, Nicole Loop, James Dobbs, Martin DeFatte, Charles French, Richard Jones and John Heckenlively

Also Present: John Rooney, Tom Eeg on behalf of Rick Jones, John Chapman

Approval of Minutes for the September 20, 2010 Meeting

The minutes were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

New Business

1. [10-5659](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering requesting parking restrictions on the Blaine Avenue median from December 1 to April 1.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 10-18-10: Defer

John Rooney asked that in the absence of Aldermen McCarthy and Wisneski the item be deferred until the November meeting.

Motion made by Holding, seconded by French to defer. Passed unanimously.

Deferred

2. [10-5605](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 13th District to change the speed limit to 25 mph in the 3200 and 3300 blocks of Republic Avenue.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 10-18-10: Receive and file.

Fiscal Note: N/A

John Rooney explained the request of Alderman Spangenberg to install 25 mph speed limit signs on Republic Avenue east of Lathrop Avenue. He noted the request wasn't to change the speed limit sign speed limit as it was 25 mph already. He noted typically on certain streets with higher volume that exit off of higher speed limit

arterials and collectors, the City does sign the 25 mph speed limit to remind motorists they have left the 30 or 35 mph arterial or collector. He noted the Traffic sign shop has posted signs in the area and the item can be received and filed.

Charlie French commented this was a new street built in the area which lends itself to higher speeds and this was an issue brought up at Neighborhood Watch.

After further discussion, motion made by Holding, seconded by Heckenlively to receive and file. Passed unanimously.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

3. [10-5640](#)

Subject: Communication from Ronald Farnsworth, USPS Postmaster, requesting "No Parking" signs be placed in front of mail receptacles located on the vacant lot on Jacato Drive.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 10-18-10: Receive and file.

Fiscal Note: N/A

John Chapman from the USPS appeared before the Commission on behalf of Ronald Farnsworth. He noted seventeen (17) boxes have been moved to one central location on Jacato Drive. He was asking for a parking restriction from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon, Monday through Saturday for ease of delivery to these locations.

Chairman DeFatte opposed the mailbox relocation. He felt the USPS was doing the neighborhood a disservice by consolidating all the post office boxes in one location and making the residents walk several hundred feet to get their mail. He further noted the amount of litter and garbage left around the postal box area. He noted the efforts being made with the COP house on Jacato Drive and felt this installation undermined the efforts made in the neighborhood.

John Chapman noted the mailbox move has been in place for approximately four (4) to six (6) weeks and noted it was the only safe way to deliver mail in the area.

Alderman Holding indicated maybe the USPS should have notified the residents if they cannot provide a safe place to deliver mail, that they would be required to come down to the local post office and pick up their mail at that location rather than centrally locating all the mail boxes.

John Rooney asked the Commission to only consider the request for the parking restrictions as the Commission has no authority on the placement of mail boxes in the public right-of-way.

After further discussion, a motion was made by French, seconded by Holding to receive and file the request.

On a roll call vote members voting aye: Holding, French, Eeg, Dobbs, Loop
Members voting nay: Heckenlively

Motion passed 5:1

Recommended to be Received and Filed

Next Meeting Date

The next Traffic Commission meeting will be November 15, 2010 at 5:15 P.M. in Room 301 at City Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 P.M.

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