

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 5:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by Tom Okite at 5:30 PM.

Members Present

Mr. Tom Okite, Vice Chairman
Ms. Joan Sage
Mr. K. Patrick Yarbrough
Mr. Emil "Skip" Mosny, Rockford Fire Department
Mr. Cedrick Ketton, Rockford Mass Transit District
Mr. Charles Smilinich, Transportation, School District 205
Mr. Scott Capovilla, Community Development Department
Ms. Kerry Lin, Public Works Department

Members Absent

Ms. Dorien Peterson, Chairman
Det. Andrew Hartman, Rockford Police Department
Alderman Mark Bonne, 14th Ward

Also Present

Alderman Frank Beach, 10th Ward
Mr. Matthew Flores, Legal Department
Mr. Dylan Zweep, 1616 S. Main Street, 61102
Mr. Nick Castrogiovanni, 605 Calvin Park Boulevard, 61107
Mr. Logan Traum, 332 Calvin Park Boulevard, 61107
Mr. Bill Hughes, 615 Calvin Park Boulevard, 61107
Ms. Dorothy Reddic, Haskell Park Apartments, 61101

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on February 11, 2026, were approved as submitted.

The Traffic Commission recommended the following items:

1. Request in the 5th Ward, by Dylan Zweep, Miller Engineering Company, 1616 S. Main Street, to establish a "No Parking Any Time" restriction on the north side of Graham Street from 70 feet east of S. Main Street to 160 east of S. Main Street. (This item had been laid over from the February Traffic Commission. Dylan Zweep described the difficulties trucks attempting to use the loading docks at his business face when there are cars parked on the north side of the street. J. Sage asked whether the docks were used on weekends. Commission recommended establishing a "No Parking, 6am - 4 pm, M-F" restriction on the north side of Graham Street from 70 feet east of S. Main Street to 160 east of S. Main Street. Motion by J. Sage, seconded by P. Yarbrough, Voted 7-0).
2. Request in the 5th Ward, by Dylan Zweep, Miller Engineering Company, 1616 S. Main Street, to establish a "No Parking Any Time" restriction on the south side of Graham Street from S. Main Street to 70 feet east of S. Main Street. (This item had been laid over from the February Traffic Commission. Dylan Zweep explained the difficulties trucks have making the turn from S. Main Street when there are vehicles parked on the north and south sides of the street near the intersection. Commission

recommended establishing a "Commercial Loading Zone" restriction on the south side of Graham Street from S. Main Street to 70 feet east of S. Main Street. Motion by S. Mosny, seconded by C. Ketton, Voted 7-0)

3. Request in the 5th Ward, from the Rockford Fire Department, to establish an Official Car Parking Only restriction on the west side of 1st Street from 145 feet south of Walnut Street to 195 feet south of Walnut Street. (E. Mosny explained that additional parking is needed to accommodate all the fire department traffic that visit the Fire Department Administration Building throughout the day. Commission recommended establishing an Official Car Parking Only restriction on the west side of 1st Street from 145 feet south of Walnut Street to 195 feet south of Walnut Street. Motion by C. Smilinich, seconded by S. Capovilla, Voted 7-0)

The Traffic Commission recommended taking "No Action" on the following items:

1. Request in the 10th Ward, from Nick Castrogiovanni, 605 N. Calvin Park Boulevard, to establish all-way stop control at the intersection of Calvin Park Boulevard and Greenwood Avenue, thus repealing the existing traffic control of Greenwood Avenue stopping for Calvin Park Boulevard. (Nick Castrogiovanni spoke on the request and explained concerns held by himself and other neighbors. These include the use of Calvin Park Boulevard as a "cut through" and speeding. K. Lin responded by explaining the MUTCD warrants for an all-way stop and that these warrants are not met and that stop signs are not to be used as a speed control devise. She also commented that per the use of available traffic data, there does not appear to be a speeding problem there but that a specific speed study could be performed. Bill Hughes asked if a week-long study could be done. K. Lin replied that she would need to check the study backlog to see if this could be accommodated. Commission recommended taking "No Action." Motion by S. Capovilla, seconded by C. Smilinich, Voted 7-0).

New Business items:

1. Dorothy Reddic brought a concern about the residential permit process and some inconsistencies she has experienced in permit locations for the Haskell Park Apartments. She also noted that there are also inconsistencies between what is required to prove residency when applying for permits. K. Lin replied that this situation will be investigated and addressed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 PM. Motion by S. Capovilla, seconded by C. Ketton.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

April 8th, 2026 5:30 PM
Rockford City Hall
425 East State Street
2nd floor, Conference Room A

Respectfully submitted,
Kerry Lin, P.E.
Recording Secretary