

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Wednesday, June 10, 2026, 5:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by Dorien Peterson at 5:30 PM.

Members Present

Ms. Dorien Peterson, Chairman
Mr. Tom Okite, Vice Chairman
Ms. Joan Sage
Mr. K. Patrick Yarbrough
Mr. Bryan Kruschke
Det. Andrew Hartman, Rockford Police Department
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

Alderman Jonathan Logemann, 2nd Ward

Also Present

Mr. Matthew Flores, Legal Department

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on April 8, 2026, were approved as submitted. There was no meeting in May due to the lack of requests.

The Traffic Commission recommended the following items:

1. Request in the 3rd Ward, by the Public Works Department, to establish a “Commercial Vehicles Prohibited” restriction on Guilford Road from Prospect Street to Alpine Road. (K. Lin explained that this was a book-keeping item as “No Truck” signs have been in place on Guilford Road since at least 2007. Concerns were expressed about the need for this restriction and citizens not correctly understanding it. It was clarified that truck traffic is allowed for local deliveries. Commission recommended establishing a “Commercial Vehicles Prohibited” restriction on Guilford Road from Prospect Street to Alpine Road. Motion by S. Capovilla, seconded by J. Sage, Voted 8-2).
2. Request in the 2nd Ward, by Rebecca Gomez, 1403 17th Street, to establish traffic control at the intersection of 13th Avenue and 17th Street. (K. Lin described the accident history and adjacent intersection controls. Given the number of accidents, the Commission recommended establishing yield control at the intersection of 13th Avenue and 17th Street with 13th Avenue yielding for 17th Street. Motion by T. Okite, seconded by C. Smilinich, Voted 10-0).
3. Request in the 2nd Ward, by Juan Pinedo, 1108 14th Street and by Dena Willis, 1119 14th Street, to establish traffic control at the intersection of 14th Street and 10th Avenue. (K. Lin described the accident history and adjacent intersection controls. Given the number of accidents, the Commission

recommended establishing yield control at the intersection of 14th Street and 10th Avenue with 14th Street yielding for 10th Avenue. Motion by S. Capovilla, seconded by P. Yarbrough, Voted 10-0).

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

1. Request in the 1st Ward, by Ayvaz Shakhbandarov, 6274 Phaeton Drive, to establish 4-way stop control at the intersection of Phaeton Drive and Wagonette Drive. (K. Lin described the accident history and adjacent intersection controls. The team discussed the possibility that these roads are currently being used as a cut-through due to construction on Newburg Road. If that is occurring, the collected traffic volumes may be higher than under normal circumstances. Due to light traffic volumes, the Commission recommended taking “No Action.” Motion by T. Okite, seconded by B. Kruschke, Voted 10-0).
2. Request in the 3rd Ward, by Evelyn Juarez-Gonzalez, 1104 Winthrop Lane, to establish stop control at the intersection of Pioneer Drive and Winthrop Lane. (K. Lin described the accident history and adjacent intersection controls. Due to light traffic volumes, the Commission recommended taking “No Action.” Motion by S. Capovilla, seconded by S. Mosny, Voted 10-0).
3. Request in the 5th Ward, by Alderwoman Gabrielle Torina, to establish traffic control at the intersection of Wisconsin Avenue and Holland Street. (K. Lin described the accident history and adjacent intersection controls. Due to light traffic volumes, the Commission recommended taking “No Action.” Motion by A. Hartman, seconded by S. Mosny, Voted 10-0).

New Business:

1. K. Lin introduced the team to the new Traffic Commission member, Bryan Kruschke.
2. K. Lin informed the team that elections would take place next month. Only citizen members are eligible to be Chairman or Vice-Chairman.

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 PM. Motion by S. Mosny, seconded by S. Capovilla.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

July 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