

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY OF PEORIA
: TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION :

JANUARY 19, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the City of Peoria's Transportation Commission convened at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2016, at the Lester D. Bergsten Operations & Maintenance Facility located at 3505 N. Dries Lane, Peoria, Illinois.

CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order showed the following Transportation Commission Members in attendance:

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Mary Jane Crowell, Commissioner Nathaniel Herz, Chairman Joe Hudson, Commissioner Brandon Lott, Commissioner Lon Lyons, Commissioner Patrick McNamara, and Commissioner Randall Ray - 7.

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Dan Adler, Commissioner George Ghareeb, Commissioner Joe Messmore and Commissioner Michael Vespa - 4.

Others in attendance included Public Works Director Michael Rogers, Peoria Police Lieutenant Todd Green, Traffic Engineer Nick Stoffer, Community Development Director Ross Black, and Public Works Administrative Specialist Ruth Blancaflor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, ETC.

Mr. Stoffer introduced Peoria Police Lieutenant Todd Green, the Transportation Commission's new liaison between Public Works and the Police Department.

MINUTES

Commissioner Ray moved to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Transportation Commission held on November 19, 2015, as printed; seconded by Commissioner Lyons.

Approved by unanimous viva voce vote.

ITEM No. 1: CONSIDERATION of Proposed TRAFFIC REGULATIONS AMENDING the TRAFFIC CODE of the City of Peoria, As Needed:

- A RESCIND Traffic Regulation: RESCIND Traffic Regulation #91-54-A Amending Schedule A of the Traffic Code Establishing a No Parking Any Time Zone Restriction on ELM STREET Approximately 250 Feet West from SW JEFFERSON. [District 1];

Traffic Engineer Nick Stoffer introduced the item and he said the request to remove the No Parking restriction came from the unemployment office at this location. He said the designation was placed in 1991 to allow better truck access in the area. Staff had contacted the truck company who had originally requested it and they said they did not have as much activity as in the past. He said the throat of the intersection would remain open.

In response to the Commissioners' questions, Mr. Stoffer explained the roadway was 30 to 34' wide, and the request was for parking on one side of the street, only. He said it only amounted to five or six parking spots, but Staff entertained the request since it was from an adjacent property and was in line with the practice of adding on-street parking wherever possible.

Board Member Lott moved to approve Rescinding Traffic Regulation #91-54-A, Amending Schedule A of the Traffic Code Establishing a No Parking Any Time zone restriction on Elm Street approximately 250 feet west from Southwest Jefferson Street; seconded by Commissioner Herz.

Approved by unanimous viva voce vote.

ITEM No. 2: REVIEW of the FINAL BICYCLE MASTER PLAN for the City of Peoria, Illinois and RECOMMENDATION to the PEORIA CITY COUNCIL for the ADOPTION. See [link](#).

Mr. Stoffer introduced the item and asked that the Commissioners further discuss the revised final plan prepared by Alta Planning + Design for recommendation to the Peoria City Council for adoption. He said he would like to have it before the City Council at their meeting on February 9th and that representatives from Alta Planning + Design would be present to give a brief presentation prior to Council discussion. He said he had submitted a list of revisions to the consultant that he received from the Commission at their November 19th meeting, and from the biking community and from his own review of the Plan. He said many of those changes had been addressed in the current document but it was a living plan so there would always be new items to add to it.

Mr. Stoffer said the pending changes were typographical errors and misspellings. In addition, he said, on Page 21 of the document, the truck routes had not been removed from the map of the downtown area and a couple of places on Knoxville and Route 6, which were not under City control, would not be eligible for road diets. Also, he noted the Plan showed a bike lane going through the Main and University intersection, where it was not planned, the Frostwood Parkway bike lane wasn't shown in its entirety, and the Northmoor improvement was not correctly identified. Those changes were still pending, he said.

Community Development Director Ross Black arrived at 3:15 p.m.

Commissioner Herz agreed that any plan would have additions and this Plan would have changes when the actual projects were known. He recommended moving this process along.

In discussion with Commissioners Herz and McNamara, Mr. Stoffer confirmed the work of Alta Planning + Design was considered complete after Council's final adoption of the Plan. At that point, he confirmed, the Plan was a city-owned document and City Staff was responsible for any future updates to it.

Further updates that had been made to the Plan, Mr. Stoffer noted, included the addition of Bloomington-Normal as a comparable city and a change showing that 3' passing clearance for bikes was already part of the Illinois Vehicle Code. He said the passing clearance was the type of item the Transportation Commission could work on to amend the City Code to make it better for Peoria bicyclists.

Commissioners Lott and Ray noted that visibility and priority adjustments had been made to Figure 26, as they had requested.

Commissioner Ray moved to approve the Peoria Bicycle Master Plan, subject to the few technical changes that had been outlined today, and to recommend it to the Peoria City Council for adoption; seconded by Commissioner Lott.

Commissioner Ray stated that the Plan should be posted to the City's web site as soon as possible.

Motion to approve the Peoria Bicycle Master Plan, subject to the few technical changes that had been outlined, and to recommend it to the Peoria City Council for adoption was approved by unanimous viva voce vote.