

BLOOMINGTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
AGENDA
August 26, 2015
5:30 P.M. – HOOKER ROOM (Suite #245), CITY HALL

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes – June 24, 2015
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Communications from Commission
- V. Reports from Staff -
 - A. Project Engineer - position update
- VI. Old Business - none
- VII. New Business –
 - A. On-street parking - revise the current day and time regulations for eleven on-street parking spaces on E. 2nd Street (located in front of the Bloomingfoods store)
- VIII. Traffic Inquiries - none
- IX. Adjournment

Next meeting – September 23, 2015

City of Bloomington Traffic Commission Minutes (Draft)
June 24, 2015 in the Council Chambers, City Hall

Traffic Commission minutes are transcribed in a summarized outline manner. Audio recordings of the meeting are available in the Planning and Transportation Department for reference.

Attendance

Traffic Commission: Andrew Cibor, Ryan Cobine, Mark Fabris (proxy for James Batcho), Judi Maki, Abigail Pietsch, Sarah Ryterband, Joe VanDeventer and Scott Wickersham

Others in Attendance: Paula Gilbertson, Dean Lenz, Tim Mueller, Alan Simmerman, Jenny Southern, Meg Torrence, Nate Nickel (Staff), and Scott Robinson (Staff),.

- I. Call to Order (~5:30 PM)**
- II. Approval of Minutes** – April 22, 2015 (Mr. Cobine motioned, and Mr. Wickersham seconded, to approve the minutes. The motion passed 8-0).
- III. Communications from Commission** - none
- IV. Public Comment** - none.
- V. Reports from Staff**
 - A.** Andrew Cibor presented a brief report on left-turn signal phasing at traffic lights.
- VI. Old Business** - none
- VII. New Business** –
 - A. N. Rogers Street – add school speed zone between W. 7th and W. 8th Streets:** Staff suggested that the Rogers Street school speed zone be from 6th Street to the B-Line Trail crossing. Mr. Cobine motioned, and Ms. Pietsch seconded, to approve the recommendation as presented and forward to the City Council. Motion passed 8-0.
 - B. Traffic Signal Upgrades - No Flashing Signals:** Mr. Cibor made a brief presentation on the benefits of eliminating late night yellow-flashing traffic signals from the City Code. Mr. Cobine motioned, and Mr. Wickersham seconded, to approve the recommendation as presented and forward to the City Council. Motion passed 8-0.

VIII. Traffic Inquiries

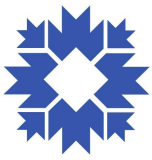
- A. No parking zone - N. Fairview Street on the east-side of street between W. 6th Street and east-west alley:** There was consensus that this situation was not sufficient enough to warrant further action at this time.

- B. Traffic safety issues - S. High Street from Wimbleton Ln./Greenbriar Ln. to Wexley Rd.:** Mr. Lenz provided a brief presentation during the public comment period regarding his concerns about traffic speeds, pedestrian safety and a need for additional stop-signs. Traffic Commission discussion centered around the need to obtain additional traffic count and vehicle speed data so that this situation could be analyzed in further detail. Additionally, the need to incorporate data for both the summer, as well as the fall (when school is back in session at Childs Elementary), will be very important for the Commission to see. Staff was directed to collect this information and report back to the Commission at a future date.

- C. On-street parking - revise the current day and time regulations for eleven on-street parking spaces on E. 2nd Street (located in front of the Bloomingfoods store):** Ms. Southern, Ms. Gilbertson, Mr. Mueller and Mr. Simmerman all noted during the public comment period that they see parking issues, most notably warehousing of vehicles over the weekend, occurring at this location. They each spoke in favor of changing enforcement regulations and finding creative solutions to address the situation. Traffic Commission discussion focused on potential actions that could address day and time regulations for these on-street parking spaces. Staff was directed to explore possible enforcement options with the Public Works Department and report back to the Commission at a future date.

IX. Adjournment (~6:40 PM)

Next meeting – July 22, 2015



MEMORANDUM

To: Traffic Commission
From: Nate Nickel, Sr. Long Range Planner
Date: August 12, 2015
Re: E. 2nd Street - Revision of Current On-Street Parking Day and Time Regulations

Background

The City of Bloomington Planning and Transportation Department received this request from management personnel at the Elm Heights Bloomingfoods store. They expressed concerns regarding the day and time regulations for the eleven on-street parking spaces that are located directly in front of their store on E. 2nd Street. The current regulations for these spaces allow for 1 hour parking between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Bloomingfoods management personnel have observed people parking their vehicles in these spaces after 5:00 PM on Friday, leaving them stationary throughout the entire weekend, and then vacating the space prior to parking enforcement beginning at 8:00 AM on Monday morning. This "warehousing" of vehicles on weekends has resulted in these on-street parking spaces being rendered completely unavailable for any other users that wish to utilize them in order to patronize the Bloomingfoods store. As a result, Bloomingfoods requested assistance in lengthening the day and time regulations in order to provide for weekend enforcement, which would allow greater utilization of these parking spaces.

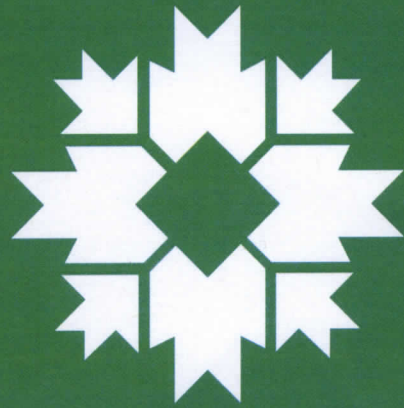
The Traffic Commission reviewed this request at the June 24, 2015 meeting and the consensus was favorable to accommodating this request. Planning and Transportation Department staff coordinated with the City's Parking Enforcement Division to learn about potential options that could be used in order to address this situation. A revised day and time parking regulation package was suggested by RayeAnn Cox, Manager of the Parking Enforcement Division. Ms. Cox recommended a change that would retain the 1 hour parking for these spaces, but would instead extend enforcement between a 8:00 AM and 10:00 PM, Monday through Saturday, period. This proposed option would best address this specific request, while also taking into account the Division's staff and resource availability during these times.

To accommodate this request, Title 15 of the Bloomington Municipal Code would need to be amended. Specifically, section 15.32.090, Schedule N – Limited Parking Zones would need to be revised. The limited parking zone on the south side of Second Street from Fess Avenue to 170' west of Fess Avenue remains limited to 1 hour. However, a new parking enforcement period (#16) would be added for parking between "8:00 AM and 10:00 PM except Sunday". A template for the revised street signage that would be posted as part of this proposal is included in the packet as a reference. If these revisions are approved by the Traffic Commission, a detailed amendment will be prepared once this request is forwarded to the Common Council for their consideration.



A view of the eleven on-street parking spaces, looking south along E. 2nd Street

Recommendation: Staff recommends changing the current day and time parking regulations for the eleven on-street parking spaces on the south side of E. 2nd Street (between Fess Avenue and 170' west of Fess Avenue) to a new enforcement period of 1 hour parking between 8:00 AM and 10:00 PM, Monday through Saturday.



1 HOUR PARKING ONLY

Monday - Saturday
8:00am - 10:00pm

TICKET ISSUED
AFTER EVERY HOUR