

**TRAFFIC COMMISSION MINUTES
NEW CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JANUARY 15, 2015 – 4:00 P.M.**

I. Meeting called to order – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers (212 SW 9th St.) by Barry Ezerski, Traffic Commission Chairman. The meeting notice and agenda were posted on the City Hall (212 SW 9th St.) bulletin board as required by State law.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Bartlett, Carl Dentler, Barry Ezerski, David Means and Randy Somerlott

ALSO PRESENT: Sagar Medisetty, Traffic Engineer, and Cindy Porter, Traffic Commission Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: Johnny Owens and SGT Nicolas Jenkins

II. Approval of minutes from previous meeting (September 18, 2014 & November 20, 2014) MOVED BY: Means; **SECOND BY:** Dentler to accept the minutes as written.

AYE: Bartlett, Dentler, Ezerski, Means and Somerlott; **NAY:** None

III. Consent Item(s)

1) Consider a request (15-01) from Thad Hulbert, City Lawton Fire Department to install 'Dip' warning signs on eastbound and westbound SW Dove Creek Boulevard between SW 54th Street and SW 55th Street;

Bartlett stated that he visited the site and there were already 'Dip' signs present. Medisetty replied that because it was a safety issue requested by the Fire Department, the signs were already put in place and that it was now being taken retroactively to the commission and then the City Council. Bartlett then asked if there was a set distance for the warning signs. Medisetty stated that in a 25 mile per hour roadway, the signs were to be placed 100 feet prior to the warning item. Dentler stated that the signs were about 20 to 25 feet prior to the dip, but in fact right there at the dip. Medisetty said he would have the streets division correct that. Dentler asked what would happen if the item were not approved by the commission. Ezerski stated that the Fire Department would just take their request to the City Council. Means stated that the signs needed to be moved. Medisetty stated that he would have the signs moved to the proper distance.

MOVED BY: Dentler; **SECOND BY:** Somerlott to accept staff recommendation to install 'Dip' warning signs on eastbound and westbound SW Dove Creek Boulevard between SW 54th Street and SW 55th Street.

AYE: Bartlett, Dentler, Ezerski, Means and Somerlott; **NAY:** None

IV. Old Business

None

V. New Business

2) Consider a request **(15-02)** from Cherry Callas, 1203 NW Maple Avenue to remove the 'Yield' sign and replace it with a 'Stop' sign on northbound NW 16th Street at the intersection of NW Laird Boulevard;

The Traffic Engineer explained that NW 16th St and NW Laird Blvd are both residential collector streets in the Fields & Dunning neighborhood. These 2 streets intersect at an angle making it a Y-intersection. Currently, there is a 'Yield' sign on northbound NW 16th St at the intersection of NW Laird Blvd. Firstly, because it's a 'Y'-intersection, drivers on the northbound 16th St have to crane their necks backward while driving to look for conflicting traffic on northbound NW Laird Blvd. Secondly, the traffic light at the intersection of Cache Rd and 16th St is very close (within 200 feet) to this intersection. So, there is a potential of a driver on northbound NW 16th St to race to catch the green light at the traffic signal without yielding to the traffic on Laird Blvd. Also, this intersection is located near the school zone of the Whittier Elementary School. For the above reasons, it is recommended that the existing 'yield' sign on the northbound 16th St be removed and replaced with a 'stop' sign.

MOVED BY: Means; **SECOND BY:** Somerlott to accept staff recommendation to remove the 'Yield' sign and replace it with a 'Stop' sign on northbound NW 16th Street at the intersection of NW Laird Boulevard.

AYE: Bartlett, Dentler, Ezerski, Means and Somerlott; **NAY:** None

VI. Audience Participation

VII. Adjournment

4:06 p.m.

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