

**MINUTES
TRAFFIC COMMISSION
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – February 16, 2012 – 4:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

I. Meeting called to order – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Wayne Gilley City Hall Council Chambers (103 SW 4th 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: Barry Ezerski, David Means, Randy Somerlott and Todd Weatherly

ALSO PRESENT: Sagar Medisetty, Traffic Engineer and Jackie Somerlott, Traffic Commission Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: Robert Cole, SPC Alex Guess and Johnny Owens

II. Approval of minutes from previous meeting (December 15, 2011)

MOVED BY: Means; **SECOND BY:** Weatherly to accept the minutes as written.

AYE: Ezerski, Means, Somerlott and Weatherly; **NAY:** None.

III. Consent Item(s)

None

IV. New Business

- 1) Consider ratifying the actions of the Police Chief **(12-01)** to install temporary “STOP” signs at the intersection of NW Meadowbrook Dr and NW 40th St for the duration of the NW 38th St construction project; and to make the installed “STOP” signs permanent.

Medisetty explained that the T intersection of NW Meadowbrook Dr and NW 40th St. are both local residential streets and are posted at 25 mph. The request is a two-part request of which one, is to ratify the actions of the police chief taken last month to install temporary Stop signs during the construction and the second is to make them permanent. Medisetty explained that because of the construction of 38th St. there was a huge impact at this intersection where traffic had almost tripled or quadrupled. Because of the motorists driving down Meadowbrook who turned left on 40th to go south to Gore Blvd he has received several traffic complaints. He said he looked into putting in temporary Stop signs for eastbound and westbound traffic on Meadowbrook Dr. Due to the safety issues associated with the increased amount of traffic the police chief requested the installation of temporary Stop signs for eastbound and westbound traffic on Meadowbrook (the northbound traffic at 40th St. already has Stop signs). In addition to the traffic there is also a sight distance problem for eastbound and westbound traffic because of the curve there. There is vegetation (trees) at the intersection that block eastbound vehicles from seeing westbound vehicles and vice versa. Because of the sight distance problem it is recommended to make the Stop signs permanent. The traffic volume during regular times might not warrant, but the sight triangle problem does warrant the installation of Stop signs.

Ezerski asked where the second Stop signs will be installed and Medisetty said they will both be on Meadowbrook Dr. for both directions. Officer Martin said his only concern is stacking problems. Ezerski asked if the Stop sign could be placed further west to avoid stacking problems. Means said it would cause a stacking problem there (to the west). Medisetty said there is enough stacking distance for 5 or 6 vehicles but motorists should not block 40th St.

MOVED BY: Means; **SECOND BY:** Weatherly to ratify the actions of the Police Chief (12-01) to install temporary "STOP" signs at the intersection of NW Meadowbrook Dr and NW 40th St for the duration of the NW 38th St construction project; and to make the installed "STOP" signs permanent.

AYE: Ezerski, Means, Somerlott and Weatherly; **NAY:** None.

V. Audience Participation

None.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

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