

AGENDA
TRAFFIC COMMISSION MINUTES
NEW CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – FEBRUARY 21, 2013 – 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: Robert Cole, Barry Ezerski, David Means, Johnny Owens, SPC Andrew Powers and Randy Somerlott

ALSO PRESENT: Sagar Medisetty, Traffic Engineer, Officer Steve Martin, LPD and Jackie Somerlott, Traffic Commission Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: Todd Weatherly

II. Approval of minutes from previous meeting (January 17, 2013)

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

AYE: Cole, Ezerski, Means, Owens, Powers and Somerlott **NAY:** None

III. Consent Item

- 1) Consider a request **(13-03)** from Lieutenant Ron Seratte, LPD to install a “No Turns” sign on westbound SW Lee Boulevard at the ‘T’-intersection of SW 25th Place and SW Lee Boulevard;

Means asked where the sign was to be placed and Medisetty explained it is at SW 25th Place & Lee Blvd. west bound. Means asked if the request is to have motorists go to 26th St. to make the U Turn and Medisetty said there are large semi-tractor trailers which stop in the middle of Lee Blvd. to make a U Turn where there is no storage bay to make the turn and it’s dangerous. There is a median opening with turn bay about 300’ to the west at 26th St. where U Turns can be made safely. Medisetty said he spoke with the business on the south side and they said that semi tractor trailers attempted to make U Turns.

MOVED BY: Owens; **SECOND BY:** Cole to install a “No Turns” sign on westbound SW Lee Boulevard at the ‘T’-intersection of SW 25th Place and SW Lee Boulevard;

AYE: Cole, Ezerski, Means, Owens, Powers and Somerlott; **NAY:** None

IV. New Business

- 1) Consider a request **(13-04)** from Bonden Malone, Eagle Cartage, 9001 SW Neal Boulevard to install “STOP” signs on northbound and southbound SW Ard Street at the intersection of SW Ard Street and SW Neal Boulevard, making it a 4-way STOP controlled intersection;

Medisetty explained that the intersection of SW Neal Blvd and SW Ard Ave is located in the industrial district. SW Neal Blvd. is a 4-lane roadway which extends from Goodyear Blvd to the west and dead ends to the east. SW Ard Ave is a 2-lane roadway which extends from Lee Blvd to the south and dead ends to the north. Currently the stop signs for east and west bound traffic on Neal Blvd are 2-way. The requestor said traffic patterns have

changed and there is more traffic on Neal Blvd. now than before because of more businesses. Medisetty explained that the MUTCD states that when there are 2-way stops, they should be posted on the street carrying the lowest volume of traffic, and these signs were installed in 1998. He said after traffic counts were done during different times of the day, it was found there is slightly more traffic on Neal Blvd. than on Ard Ave. The two streets are frequented by semi tractor trailers and large vehicles which take longer time to come to a stop and make wide turning movements. So for those reasons: 1) Neal Blvd. having more traffic than Ard Ave; and 2) both streets are frequented by large semi tractor trailers which need more room to make turns and take longer time to stop, staff recommends the installation of 4-way stop signs at the intersection. There was one accident in 2011 and one in 2012 which could have been prevented by the installation of stop signs, but they are not enough to meet the 4-way stop sign warrant.

MOVED BY: Owens; **SECOND BY:** Cole to install "STOP" signs on northbound and southbound SW Ard Street at the intersection of SW Ard Street and SW Neal Boulevard, making it a 4-way STOP controlled intersection;

AYE: Cole, Ezerski, Means, Owens, Powers and Somerlott; **NAY:** None

V. Audience Participation

None

VI. Other

Means asked the status of 2nd Street project. Jerry Ihler, Public Works Director/City Engineer said it should be completed around June 2013.

Ezerski announced to the committee that Mr. Robert Cole who has been on the commission since 1987 was resigning his position and that he would be missed.

Mr. Cole said he is glad to have been on the committee, has enjoyed it, has met many people and has learned his way around Lawton by being on the committee. He said he hated to leave but his health wouldn't allow him to continue. He thanked the Traffic Commission

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

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