

TRAFFIC COMMISSION MINUTES
NEW CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
March 5, 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, Lt. Brad Davis, LPD and Cindy Porter, Traffic Commission Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: Johnny Owens and SGT Nicolas Jenkins

- II. Approval of minutes from previous meeting (January 15, 2015) 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 **(15-03)** from Amanda McBride, Gray-Warr Addition to install ‘Yield’ signs on eastbound and westbound NW Baldwin Avenue at the intersection of NW 80th Street;

MOVED BY: Means; **SECOND BY:** Bartlett to accept staff recommendation to install ‘Yield’ signs on eastbound and westbound NW Baldwin Avenue at the intersection of NW 80th Street.
AYE: Bartlett, Dentler, Ezerski, Means and Somerlott; **NAY:** None

- IV. Old Business**
None

V. New Business

- 2) Consider a request **(15-04)** from Tracy Mayweather, City of Lawton to look into the traffic safety situation at the intersection of NE 31st Street and NE Colonial Drive;

The Traffic Engineer explained that both NE 31st St and NE Colonial Dr are residential streets in the Heritage Hills neighborhood. At this intersection, the existing condition is such that the intersection occurs within a curve of the roadway. Currently, there is stop control on southbound NE 31st St at the intersection. There is no traffic control on the other two approaches. Because of the curvature of the roadway and the trees near the intersection, we have received complaints that there are near-misses of accidents at this intersection. So, it is staff’s recommendation to post ‘intersection on the curve’ warning signs on westbound Colonial Dr and on northbound 31st St. Also, the ‘Stop’ sign on southbound NE 31st St is not visible to southbound traffic from a distance because of the curved approach.

So, a 'Stop Ahead' warning sign is recommended to be posted 100 feet in advance of the 'Stop' sign at the intersection. Ezerski asked if someone wanted a three way stop at the intersection. Medisetty stated that the citizen just asked that staff look into the safety of the intersection. Ezerski stated that there are only two ways in and out of that subdivision and this one is one of the most traveled. Bartlett asked if the 'Stop Ahead' sign would be temporary or permanent. Medisetty answered that it would be a permanent sign.

MOVED BY: Dentler; **SECOND BY:** Bartlett to accept staff recommendation to install Horizontal Alignment/Intersection warning signs on westbound NE Colonial Dr at NE 31st St and on northbound NE 31st St at NE Colonial Dr; and to install 'Stop Ahead' advance warning sign on southbound NE 31st St in advance of the existing 'Stop' sign at the intersection of NE Colonial Dr.

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

- 3) Consider a request **(15-05)** from the City Manager, City of Lawton to install 'No Parking' signs on eastbound and westbound SW Neal Boulevard east of the intersection of SW Ard Street;

The Traffic Engineer explained that SW Neal Blvd is a 2-lane collector street within the Industrial Park. SW Ard St is also a 2-lane collector street. The complaint is that sometimes, semi-tractor trailers park on either side of SW Neal Blvd east of SW Ard St. While parked, these vehicles are an obstruction for free movement of traffic and they also dump litter on the street. Therefore, it is recommended to place 'No Parking' signs on either side of SW Neal Blvd between the intersection of SW Ard St and the cul-de-sac further to the east. Means asked if they were parked there for cleaning or stacking. Medisetty answered that they were cleaning. Dentler clarified that they were cleaning out the cabs of their trucks. Ezerski stated that drivers can be seen sleeping in their cabs. Bartlett stated that the trucks are parked there for quite some time. Means asked where else could they park. Bartlett said that some trucks park on the on ramp of Goodyear Boulevard.

MOVED BY: Means; **SECOND BY:** Dentler to accept staff recommendation to install 'No Parking' signs on eastbound and westbound SW Neal Boulevard between SW Ard Street and the cul-de-sac to the east.

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

VI. Audience Participation

Bartlett commented that in his neighborhood, NE Euclid, one of the residents has parked a camper in the drainage canal of the cul-de-sac. He said that the residents feel it is an extension of their driveway. He asked if it were possible to put no parking signs to prevent this. Dentler stated that in the past, barriers had been used to prevent this from occurring. Ezerski stated that this same thing occurs in the Shelter Creek neighborhood as well. Dentler stated that it probably occurred all over town and that when vehicles are parked in the canals, City staff is unable to do required work. He stated that perhaps staff could get a list from Joe Ramirez in Drainage, of all the drainage ditches in neighborhoods where this

occurs. Medisetty stated that sometimes there are barriers used but that he would visit with Ramirez and look into this matter further.

VII. Adjournment

4:09 p.m.

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