

AGENDA
TRAFFIC COMMISSION MINUTES
NEW CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MARCH 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: Tom Bartlett, Barry Ezerski, David Means, Johnny Owens, Randy Somerlott and Todd Weatherly

ALSO PRESENT: Sagar Medisetty, Traffic Engineer, Officer Steve Martin, LPD and Sue Smith, Acting Traffic Commission Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: SPC Andrew Powers

II. Approval of minutes from previous meeting (February 21, 2013)

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

AYE: Bartlett, Ezerski, Means, Owens, Somerlott and Weatherly **NAY:** None

III. New Business

- 1) Consider a request (**13-05**) from Norman Busch, City of Lawton to install “NO STANDING, NO STOPPING, NO PARKING School Days 8am – 4pm” signs on the west side of NW 14th Street and on the east side of NW 15th Street between NW Bessie Avenue and NW Hoover Avenue near Pat Henry Elementary School;

Medisetty explained that the school is located between NW 14th Street and NW 15th Street which are local residential streets. During school hours, between 8am and 4pm, the teachers park on both sides of the street. The streets are narrow and only 26 feet wide (measured from face-of-curb to face-of-curb), which makes it difficult to drive down. When two vehicles approach each other on those streets, one has to back up to let the other one drive down the street. Medisetty talked to the School principal and she agrees that it is a problem which is why the staff is recommending installing the signs on the west side of 14th Street and the east side of 15th Street. Owens asked if the school added more teachers. Medisetty didn't know. Bartlett stated that he has been by the school and there is a large staff parking lot in front of the school and he doesn't understand why the teachers don't use that and why they continue to park in the street. Means asked if just the teachers are parking on the street. Medisetty said the principal said yes and she would tell the teachers not to park there anymore.

MOVED BY: Means; **SECOND BY:** Owens to install “NO STANDING, NO STOPPING, NO STOPPING, NO PARKING School Days 8am – 4pm” signs on the west side of NW 14th Street and on the east side of NW 15th Street between NW Bessie Avenue and NW Hoover Avenue near Pat Henry Elementary School;

AYE: Bartlett, Ezerski, Means, Owens, Somerlott and Weatherly **NAY:** None

IV. Audience Participation

None

V. Other

Ezerski asked about the status of SE 45th Street from Lee Blvd to north of Gore. Medisetty said they are working on the design and right-of-way acquisition. Ezerski said it will start in six months and Medisetty said no, it will take much longer than that and they were going to make it to five lanes.

Ezerski asked if there has been anymore discussion about widening Rogers Lane between I-44 and Flowermound. It was funded for 2014 - 2015 and then they removed it. Medisetty said Jerry Ihler wanted to break it up into two sections because of the bridges and is discussing this with ODOT. Ezerski asked if it would be started in seven years from now. Medisetty said he would ask Jerry about it and get back to him on the matter. Means asked if they had already done all of the Right of Way for the project. Owens said some of it. Ezerski said it will take seven years.

Owens introduced the new member, Tom Bartlett, to everyone and welcomed him.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.