

**TRAFFIC COMMISSION MINUTES
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
April 15, 2021 – 4:00 P.M.**

I. Meeting called to order – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers (212 SW 9th St.) by David Means. The meeting notice and agenda were posted on the City Hall (212 SW 9th St.) bulletin board as required by State law.

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Means, Paula Bowen, Hershel Kuykendall and Willie Smith.

ALSO PRESENT: Larry Wolcott, Public Works Director, Cherry Callas, Traffic Commission Secretary, Officer Whittington, LPD and Charles Barnett.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ted Warkentin

II. Approval of minutes from previous meeting (September 17, 2020) MOVED BY: Bowen; SECOND BY: Smith to accept the minutes as written. AYE: Means, Kuykendall, Bowen and Smith; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None

III. Consent Item(s)

None

IV. Old Business

None

V. New Business

- 1) Consider a request (21-01) from Stephanie Jenkins to install a “Hearing Impaired Children” sign at her address, 632 NW 63rd Street.

Wolcott stated deaf child signs are typically installed in requested areas where diagnosis documentation is received for children under 13. Documentation has been received and children are 5 and 8. And it would be his recommendation to install the requested Deaf Child signage.

MOVED BY: Kuykendall; **SECOND BY:** Smith to accept staff recommendation to install the Deaf Child signage at 632 NW 63rd Street.

AYE: Means, Bowen, Kuykendall and Smith; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

- 2) Consider a request (21-02) from Johnny Owens to install additional pedestrian warning signage at the midblock crosswalk on SW 6th Street at the Comanche County Courthouse.

Wolcott stated that this is an existing crosswalk with pavement markings and signs on the right side of the street. The request is for additional signage placed in the median. These are considered to be in street pedestrian crossing signs and are at a lower lever to increase driver warning that this is a mid-block crossing. This is one of the higher volume crosswalks in the city and beyond doing something like this we could install flashing lights but the request is only for additional signage.

David Means asked if the pavement markings couldn't be repainted as they are becoming difficult to see and Larry said that, yes, this could be done. Larry's recommendation is to install the additional signage at SW 6th Street at the Comanche County Courthouse crosswalk.

MOVED BY: Smith; SECOND BY: Kuykendall to accept staff recommendation to install the additional in-street pedestrian crossing signs. **AYE:** Means, Bowen, Kuykendall and Smith; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

- 3) Consider a request (21-03) from Adan Ybarra to install STOP signs on Jefferson at SW 13th to create a 4-way stop.

Wolcott stated that MUTCD policy is that YIELD or STOP signs should not be used for speed control. In a situation where vehicular volumes exceed 300 vehicles per hour, or pedestrian volumes exceed 200 per hour, multi-way stop control can be useful but that is not the case here so his recommendation is to *deny* the request for installation of additional STOP signs on Jefferson Ave.

MOVED BY: Kuykendall; **SECOND BY:** Smith to accept staff recommendation to *deny* the installation of additional STOP signs at SW Jefferson at SW 13th
AYE: Means, Bowen, Kuykendall, Smith; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

- 4) Consider a request (21-04) from Bobby Eastwood to install STOP signs on NW 50th at Cheyenne Ave making it a 4-way STOP. Also install speed limit signs on NW50th Street.

Wolcott stated this is an intersection that is currently controlled with STOP signs on Cheyenne at 50th and the use of YIELD or STOP signs should not be used for speed control (MUTDC) and the vehicular volumes and pedestrian volumes do not justify the placing of additional STOP signs. He would recommend the installation of an additional speed limit sign (25 MPH) for northbound traffic on NW 50th, south of Baltimore Ave.

MOVED BY: Kuykendall; **SECOND BY:** Bowen to accept staff recommendation to *deny* installation of STOP signs on NW 50TH at Cheyenne Ave, and to install a 25 MPH speed limit sign for northbound traffic on NW 50th.

AYE: Means, Bowen, Kuykendall, Smith; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

- 5) Consider a request (21-05) from Mr. Sawyer to install speed limit signs and children at play signs on NE Euclid from NE 45th to NE 51st to deter speeding.

Wolcott stated that there is an existing 25 MPH speed limit sign on Euclid at 45th and he doesn't recommend an additional sign but he does recommend the installation of a playground symbol sign for westbound traffic on the 4900 block of NE Euclid at MacArthur Park.

MOVED BY: Kuykendall; **SECOND BY:** Smith to accept staff recommendation to deny the additional speed limit sign and to approve the installation of the playground symbol sign.

AYE: Means, Bowen, Kuykendall, Smith; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

VI. Audience Participation - None

VII. Adjournment

4:14 p.m.

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