

**TRAFFIC COMMISSION MINUTES
NEW CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
May 19, 2016 – 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 Co-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 Johnny Owens

ALSO PRESENT: Larry Wolcott, Public Works Director, Lt. Justin Thorne, LPD and Cindy Porter, Traffic Commission Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: SGT Nicolas Jenkins

- II. Approval of minutes from previous meeting (February 18, 2016) MOVED BY:** Owens;
SECOND BY: Means to accept the minutes as written.
AYE: Bartlett, Dentler, Ezerski, Means and Owens; **NAY:** None

- III. Consent Item(s)**
None

- IV. Old Business**
None

V. New Business

- 1) Consider a request **(16-03)** from Lindsay Morstorf, Lawton Public Schools, to create a 20 mph reduced speed school zone in the vicinity of the Douglas Learning Center at NE Albert Johnson Sr. Ave and Gore Blvd.

Director Wolcott stated that Douglas Learning Center is located at the NE corner of the intersection of NE Albert Johnson Sr. Ave and Gore Blvd. The school was closed a couple of years ago and the existing school zone signs on Albert Johnson Sr. Ave and flashing lights on Gore Blvd. were removed. Now that the school is being used once again for the Bridge Academy and Gateway programs for alternative classes, there will be 100-150 students attending the school. Ms. Morstorf indicated that the request is to reinstall the school zone components as were there previously. She indicated that there would be no students crossing Gore Blvd. walking to the school from the industrial area to the south that she knew of. Staff recommends installing a 20 mph school speed limit signs on NE Albert Johnson Sr. Ave. and school zone (S1-1) signs with supplemental arrows on Gore Blvd.

Means asked if the speed limit on Gore Blvd. would remain the same.

Wolcott answered in the affirmative.

MOVED BY: Dentler; **SECOND BY:** Means to accept staff recommendation to create a 20 mph reduced speed school zone in the vicinity of the Douglas Learning Center at NE Albert Johnson Sr. Ave and Gore Blvd. **AYE:** Bartlett, Dentler, Ezerski, Means and Owens; **NAY:** None

- 2) Consider a request **(16-04)** from Councilmember Keith Jackson to install an additional school zone speed limit sign with flashing lights for northbound traffic in front of Central Middle School in the vicinity of NW Elm Ave.

Director Wolcott stated this would not change the existing school zone, but to supplement or add an additional flashing light for traffic Northbound on Ft. Sill Blvd. Basically it would be to remind drivers that they are still in a school zone in front of Central Middle School. Right now this condition exists for southbound drivers, where the school zone begins on Cache Road and then there is a flashing light halfway thru the school zone. So this request would be to do the same thing for northbound traffic.

MOVED BY: Owens; **SECOND BY:** Means to accept staff recommendation to install 20 mph school zone speed limit sign with flashing lights for northbound traffic in front of Central Middle School in the vicinity of NW Elm Ave. **AYE:** Bartlett, Dentler, Ezerski, Means and Owens; **NAY:** None

VI. Audience Participation

None

VII. Adjournment

4:06 p.m.

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