

**AGENDA**  
**TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING**  
**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 4:00 P.M.**

- I. Meeting called to order – Roll Call
- II. Approval of minutes from previous meeting (February 15, 2024)

III. Consent Item(s)



IV. Old Business

- 1. Traffic Issue Request (23-29). Citizen Mark Rodriguez is requesting to attend the June Traffic Commission meeting to discuss his previous request that was denied by Traffic Commission on 02/15/2024. Mr. Rodriguez was told by the City Engineer that he could attend the June Traffic Commission meeting to plead his case and see if they would reconsider his request or offer any additional suggestions for him. (Previous Request and Traffic Engineer Recommendation below)

<b>2. Requested by:</b> Mark Rodriguez (Jamark)	<b>Request Number:</b> 23-29
<b>Address:</b> 201 SE Lee Blvd	<b>Date Request Received:</b> 4/14/23
<b>City, State, Zip:</b> Lawton, OK	<b>Phone:</b> 580-678-0330
<p><b>Request:</b> Would like to see barriers installed along Lee Blvd from the median down to the beginning of the left turn lane or mostly in front of his business as vehicle are doing illegal U-turns cutting thru his parking lot. This is happening quite a lot, and it has become a safety issue, one of his employees was almost hit and there have been other damages in his parking lot. He thinks that the barriers that would work are the same ones on Gore Blvd by Murphy’s Gas that prevent vehicles from making left turns. He is desperate for any help as Police are unable to attend to this area for the illegal U-turns. There is a No Left turn sign at this site now.</p>	
<b>Description of Intersection / Location</b>	



**Accident Report Listing:** N/A

**WARRANTS (MUTCD/City Code/City Policy):** N/A

**Previous Action:** N/A

**Previous Traffic Commission Recommendation(s):** N/A

**Previous City Council Decision(s):** N/A

**Action Recommended by Staff:** It is recommended that the request be denied as this is an enforcement issue. Lee Boulevard currently has a "No Left Turn" sign in the median for westbound traffic just before the Jamark driveway in question. The owner has installed two large "Do Not Enter" signs at the driveway to help deter vehicles from entering the driveway. The desire for westbound traffic to make a U-turn at this location is undesirable. The driveway was monitored for a 30-minute period and there were no U-turn movements witnessed. However, there was one eastbound vehicle which was witnessed entering in the "exit only" driveway which entered the store. The installation of median bollards should be very selective as they are at a cost to the City and can be a maintenance issue.

**Traffic Engineer:** B.J. Hawkins, P.E., PTOE

**Considered by Traffic Commission:** 8/17/2023

**Considered by City Council:** 9/12/2023

## **V. New Business**

1. Consider request (24-38) from Sharon Cheatwood. Citizen requesting a STOP sign be installed at the corner of NW 22<sup>nd</sup> St and NW Baltimore Ave. Citizen states that there is a current STOP sign at 22<sup>nd</sup> running North and South, but she is requesting East and West direction STOP sign on Baltimore also, due to this corner being a Lawton Public School bus stop intersection.
2. Consider request (24-39) from Valarey Claflin for an Autistic Child Sign at 2212 NW 26<sup>th</sup> St.
3. Consider request (24-40) from Matt Lepien. Citizen states that on the west side of the Comanche County Courthouse on 6<sup>th</sup> Street, there is a crosswalk. Matt has heard many complaints of people almost getting hit by a car as they are crossing the road.
4. Consider request (24-41) from Bill Armstrong. The applicant indicates that speeding and running STOP signs is a consistent issue near his house. Odd configuration of intersections confuses drivers who ignore stops and have run into his yard. One vehicle hit his tree and flipped vehicle in his driveway.
5. Consider request (24-42) from Judy McConnell. Citizen is concerned about the construction on Gore Blvd. (Gore Blvd and SW 74<sup>th</sup> St, specifically) and people are not stopping for on-coming traffic as they turn onto Gore Blvd from 74<sup>th</sup> Street.
6. Consider request (24-43) from Doug Watson. Mr Watson states that at one point there was a "Dead End" or "No Exit" sign at the corner of Tomlin Circle and Homestead Drive. He states a couple of years ago there was construction done at that intersection and they had to remove the sign during construction and have never put another sign up. Mr Watson is asking for a Dead End or No Entry sign to be placed again at this intersection.
7. Consider request (24-44) from Cliff Haggemiller, Streets Superintendent. At 102 E. Gore Blvd., the school zone flashers have been disabled at LPS request and we have received several requests to repaint the crosswalks, but I am hesitant due to no school zone warning/20 Mph protection. Pedestrians have crossing access at E. Gore & Railroad.
8. Consider recommendation plan from Traffic Engineering Consultants (TEC) for Gore Blvd and 4<sup>th</sup> Street signal changes.

## **VI. Audience Participation**

## **VII. Adjournment**

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the deaf are not necessary.

**TRAFFIC COMMISSION MINUTES**

**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**February 15, 2024 – 4:00 P.M.**

**II. Meeting called to order – Roll Call**

David Means called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers (212 SW 9th St.). The meeting notice and agenda were posted on the City Hall (212 SW 9<sup>th</sup> St.) bulletin board as required by State law.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** David Means, David Wood, Willie Smith, Mayoan Santana

**ALSO, PRESENT** BJ Hawkins, Traffic Engineer Consultant, Shanie Day, Traffic Commission Secretary, Sgt. Matt Whittington, Lawton Police Department Representative

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ted Warkentin, Hershel Kuykendall

**VIII. Approval of minutes from previous meeting (November 16, 2023) MOVED BY Wood; SECOND BY: Smith; to accept the minutes as written. AYE:** Means, Wood, Santana, Smith  
**NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

**IX. Consent Item(s)**

None

**X. Old Business**

None

**XI. New Business**

- 1) Consider request (23-34) from Toni Thomley for a STOP Sign at SW 38<sup>th</sup> St. Tag Agency location.

Staff recommendation is to deny request. Stop signs are not typically installed by the City on private driveways. It is a state law that vehicles on a private driveway who are approaching a public street shall yield the right-of-way and not proceed until it is safe to do so, regardless of if there is a STOP sign or YIELD sign present, visible, or not. If a private business would like to install a STOP sign on their property, they may do so. Police records indicated five collisions near the intersection, but none of them would have been correctable with the installation of a STOP sign.

**MOVED BY:** Smith; **SECOND BY:** Wood, to deny request to install STOP signs at the Tag Agency at SW 38<sup>th</sup> St.

**AYE** Means, Wood, Santana, Smith; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

- 2) Consider a request (23-35) from Joanna Tazzia for a STOP sign to be placed at the intersection of 45<sup>th</sup> and Atom Ave.

Staff recommendation is to deny request. STOP signs are not intended to be speed control measures. SW Atom Avenue is located just one block south of Gore Boulevard so speeding should not be an issue. No sight distance issues either. If speeding in the area does occur, then it is an enforcement issue, and the citizen could request a speed table to be installed on SW 45<sup>th</sup> Street.

**MOVED BY:** Smith; **SECOND BY:** Santana; to deny request to install STOP sign at the intersection of 45<sup>th</sup> and Atom Ave.

**AYE:** Means, Wood, Smith, Santana; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

- 3) Consider a request (23-36) from Amy Albert for a STOP/YIELD sign at NO 6<sup>th</sup> St from Gore Blvd. to Ferris Ave.

Staff recommendation is to approve request. Approve the installation of northbound and southbound STOP signs and W4-4P "CROSS TRAFFIC DOES NOT STOP" signs on NW 6<sup>th</sup> Street at Columbia Avenue and remove the STOP signs eastbound and westbound on Columbia Avenue. The segment of NW 6<sup>th</sup> Street from Gore Boulevard to Ferris Avenue is approximately 0.5 miles in length and there are no northbound or southbound STOP or

YIELD signs. Columbia Avenue is approximately halfway between Gore Boulevard and Ferris Avenue. The northeast corner of the intersection of NW 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Columbia Avenue is the location of Thirty-Fifth Division Park. Two blocks to the east are the Villanova Apartment complex and two blocks to the west is the Washington Elementary School. There are currently pedestrian signs across NW 6<sup>th</sup> Street at Columbia Avenue, and it would be a logical pathway for neighborhood students to walk to school. The N/S STOP signs will increase safety.

**MOVED BY:** Smith; **SECOND BY:** Wood; to accept staff recommendation to approve STOP/YIELD sign at N. 6<sup>th</sup> St from Gore Blvd. to Ferris Ave.

**AYE** Means, Wood, Smith, Santana; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

- 4) Consider a request (23-37) from Street & Traffic Control Superintendent for a “No Thru Trucks” sign at NW Rogers and Lindy Ave.

Staff recommendation is to deny request. Hawkins visited the site and did not witness any large trucks accessing NW Lindy Avenue. NW Lindy Avenue is a public street which any vehicle can utilize. If large trucks are using this route, the frequency would be very seldom and prohibiting trucks on NW Lindy Avenue does not guarantee they would adhere to the signage and may travel on an adjacent public street.

**MOVED BY:** Smith; **SECOND BY:** Wood; to accept staff recommendation to deny No Thru Trucks sign at N. 6<sup>th</sup> St. from Gore Blvd. to Ferris Ave.

**AYE:** Means, Wood, Smith, Santana; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

**XII. Audience Participation - None**

**XIII. Adjournment**

4:13p.m.

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