

TRAFFIC COMMISSION MINUTES
NEW CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
June 16, 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: 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: Randy Somerlott and SGT Nicolas Jenkins

II. Approval of minutes from previous meeting (May 19, 2016) MOVED BY: Owens;

SECOND BY: Means to accept the minutes as written.

AYE: Dentler, Ezerski, Means and Owens; **NAY:** None

III. Consent Item(s)

None

IV. Old Business

None

V. New Business

- 1) Consider a request **(16-05)** from Gail Prentice to install DEAF CHILD AREA caution signs for 1603 NW Pollard.

Director Wolcott stated that Ms. Prentice has submitted medical evidence from Lauren Krieg, APRN of the Lawton Community Health Center, supporting the request. These signs are standard procedure for special needs children.

MOVED BY: Owens; **SECOND BY:** Means to accept staff recommendation to install DEAF CHILD AREA caution signs for 1603 NW Pollard. **AYE:** Dentler, Ezerski, Means and Owens; **NAY:** None

- 2) Consider a request **(16-06)** from Deloris Kennedy to install AUTISTIC CHILD AREA signs for 1605 NW 45th Street.

Director Wolcott stated that Ms. Kennedy has provided medical documentation from Dana Hulbert, APRN of the Lawton Community Health Center Supporting the request. There is no current precedent in City Code for an Autistic Child, however; it would be in the same vain as a Deaf Child Sign.

MOVED BY: Means; **SECOND BY:** Dentler to accept staff recommendation to install AUTISTIC CHILD AREA **AYE:** Dentler, Ezerski, Means and Owens; **NAY:** None

- 3) Consider a request **(16-07)** from Pete Wartena to reduce the speed limit in the Highlands subdivision (SW Edinburgh Drive, Greenwich Drive and Oxford Drive) to 15 mph.

Director Wolcott stated Lawton City Code 23-7-701 states:

- A. Any person driving a vehicle on a street shall drive the same at a careful and prudent speed not greater than nor less than is reasonable and proper, having due regard to the traffic, surface and width of the highway, and any other condition then existing. No person shall drive any vehicle upon a highway at a speed greater than will permit him to bring it to a stop within the assured clear distance ahead.
- B. Except when a special hazard exists that requires lower speed for compliance with Subsection A of this section, the limits specified in this chapter or established as authorized shall be maximum lawful speeds. No person shall drive a vehicle on a highway at a speed in excess of such maximum limits as follows: Twenty-five (25) miles per hour unless otherwise posted, on other streets, and on streets adjacent to schools at other times than specified immediately above; ten (10) miles per hour unless otherwise posted in all alleys; however, the city manager may reduce or increase this speed limit, and when he does so, appropriate signs shall be placed on such streets or alleys or parts of streets or alleys indicating the lower or higher speed limit;

There is no evidence that this reduction is necessary.

MOVED BY: Means; **SECOND BY:** Dentler to accept staff recommendation to deny the request to reduce the speed limit from 25 MPH to 15 MPH in the Highlands subdivision. **AYE:** Dentler, Ezerski, Means and Owens; **NAY:** None

VI. Audience Participation

None

VII. Adjournment 4:09 p.m.

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