

MINUTES
TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
NEW CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – AUGUST 15, 2013 – 4:00 P.M.

I. Meeting called to order – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers (212 SW 9th St.) by Johnny Owens, Acting 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, Sgt. Jenkins, Johnny Owens, and Randy Somerlott

ALSO PRESENT: Sagar Medisetty, Traffic Engineer, and Sue Smith, Acting Traffic Commission Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: Barry Ezerski, David Means, and Todd Weatherly

II. Approval of minutes from previous meeting (July 18, 2013)

MOVED BY: Barlett; **SECOND BY:** Somerlott to accept the minutes as written.

AYE: Bartlett, Sgt. Jenkins, Owens, and Somerlott **NAY:** None

III. Consent Item(s)

- 1) Consider a request **(13-16)** from Keegan Ledford, 810 SE 3rd Street, to install “No Parking “ signs on both sides of NE Kingsbriar Drive between NE Cache Road and NE Eastlake Drive;

Medisetty said this is a consent item but Barlett and Somerlott wanted to discuss this item and so we will take a vote on this. NE Kingsbriar Drive is a collector street for the East Lake addition and the Kingsbriar addition. At the northeast corner of NE Cache Road and NE Kingsbriar Dr, there is a lake. Mr. Ledford had called and said people park on the east side of the road to access the walking track around the lake. He said that when people park on Cache Road and Eastlake Drive it impedes the flow of traffic. Bartlett said that he went to this area and saw no vehicles parked there. He also said that he parked by the lake and he measured from his vehicle to the curb and it is 18 feet and there is sufficient space for a vehicle to be parked on both sides of the street which would leave 11 ½ feet on the narrowest part of the road for traffic to go down. Bartlett stated that he thought Mr. Ledford was trying to keep people from using the lake. Owens asked Medisetty if this was a safety factor and if there had been any accidents there. Medisetty said no. Somerlott said he lives in the area and drives down this street everyday and rarely sees anyone parking there. Owens asked if this lake was privately owned or maintained by the City. Bartlett commented that it is not a gated community and is in the City of Lawton. Medisetty said there are no signs prohibiting people from using the trail by the lake. Bartlett said that Mr. Ledford needs to pay for the signs. Somerlott said that there is no other place to park and use the lake. Owens asked Kim Shahan, Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Lawton (who was in the audience), if this lake is privately owned or owned by the City. Shahan said that it is a private park. Bartlett said there is no sign saying that and how would the public know? Bartlett said that Mr. Ledford wants the City to pay for the signs for his private park. Owens said that Mr. Ledford needs to come to the next meeting so that everyone can ask him why he requested the City to put up signs. Somerlott said he would like to hear the reasoning to justify spending the taxpayer's money to make signs for this area. He also said he could put it in writing if he can't show up for the Traffic Commission meeting.

MOVED BY: Bartlett; **SECOND BY:** Somerlott to table Consent Item and have Keegan Ledford come to September's Traffic Commission meeting to discuss reason to justify his request for the "No Parking" signs or to send a letter to the Traffic Commission stating the same.
AYE: Bartlett, Sgt. Jenkins, Owens, and Somerlott **NAY:** None

IV. New Business

- 2) Consider a request **(13-17)** from Pat Shatto, 132 SW 69th Street, to install "8 am – 4 pm Mon-Fri" time limit signs beneath the existing "No Standing No Stopping No Parking" signs on the west side of SW 69th Street fronting the Almor West Elementary School;

Medisetty said SW 69th Street is a local residential street and there are currently "No Parking" signs posted on the east side which have been there for a long time and there are "No Standing No Stopping No Parking" signs on the west side of the street which were put in for the elementary school so that the busses can easily maneuver in and out of the school while picking up kids and dropping them off. But if the houses on the east side of the street may have guests over or have more than one car and need to park in the street on evenings and/or weekends, they have no place to park and for that reason the staff is recommending putting a time limit on the signs on the west side.

MOVED BY: Bartlett; **SECOND BY:** Somerlott to install "8 am – 4pm Mon-- Fri" time limit signs beneath the existing "No Standing No Stopping No Parking" signs on the west side of SW 69th Street fronting the Almor West Elementary School:
AYE: Bartlett, Sgt. Jenkins, Owens, and Somerlott **NAY:** None

- 3) Consider a request **(13-18)** from Jeri Mosiman, Executive Director, Lawton Food Bank to install warning signs on SW Sheridan Road near SW Wolf Street alerting drivers of the presence of pedestrians in the vicinity of the new Lawton Food Bank located at 1819 SW Sheridan Road;

Medisetty said Lawton Food Bank is moving to a new location at 1819 SW Sheridan Road at the northwest corner of SW Sheridan Road and SW Wolf Street. Sheridan Road is a high speed roadway and the speed limit is 35 mph. The Food Bank Director has stated that a lot of their patrons or clients will be taking the bus or walking who would be crossing Sheridan Road to get to the Food Bank. The Director said there are about 850 families who go to the Food Bank in a month. There are hills on Sheridan Road on both the northbound and southbound approaches which might prevent drivers from seeing the crossing pedestrians. This is why the staff is recommending installing "Watch for Pedestrians" signs on both northbound and southbound SW Sheridan Road in the vicinity of Lawton Food Bank so that drivers would pay attention and look for pedestrians. Bartlett wanted to know if anyone thought of putting a crosswalk there. Medisetty said yes but Sheridan Road is a high speed road and there are no sidewalks for pedestrians and

for that reason he is suggesting only the “Watch for Pedestrians” signs to make the drivers aware of the presence of pedestrians. Somerlott said that Sheridan Road is not pedestrian friendly. Medisetty said yes there is more of a risk for pedestrians. Pedestrians will have to look out for traffic also.

MOVED BY: Bartlett; **SECOND BY:** Somerlott to install warning signs on SW Sheridan Road near SW Wolf Street alerting drivers of the presence of pedestrians in the vicinity of the new Lawton Food Bank located at 1819 SW Sheridan Road;

AYE: Bartlett, Sgt. Jenkins, Owens, and Somerlott **NAY:** None

V. Audience Participation
None

VI. Adjournment
4:30 p.m

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