

**TRAFFIC COMMISSION MINUTES
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
August 15, 2019 – 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 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: Carl Dentler, David Means, Robert Kelso and Hershel Kuykendall

ALSO PRESENT: Larry Wolcott, Public Works Director, Cindy Porter, Traffic Commission Secretary, Lt. Jacob Ferrero, LPD and Charles Barnett

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ted Warkentin

II. Approval of minutes from previous meeting (June 20, 2019) MOVED BY: Dentler; **SECOND BY:** Kuykendall to accept the minutes as written. **AYE:** Dentler, Means, Kelso and Kuykendall; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

III. Consent Item(s)

None

IV. Old Business

- 1) Consider a request **(19-8)** from Councilmember Caleb Davis to remove STOP sign near 511 NW 40th Street for westbound traffic at NW 40th Street and Meadowbrook Drive.

Wolcott stated that this item was tabled at the meeting in June in order for more study to be done. At that meeting it was established that it is a local residential street with a speed of 25 MPH. Previously the Traffic Commission recommended installation of 5 STOP signs and 1 yield sign, Council concurred. This is a cluster of three T intersections creating triangle with T intersections at each corner of the triangle. One of the triangle corners is controlled by a STOP sign to the west, another is controlled by a STOP sign and a YIELD sign to the south and another at the NE corner is controlled by 3 YIELD signs. The three corners are not consistently controlled. Staff currently recommends removing 2 Stop signs near 511 NW 40th Street for westbound and northbound traffic at NW 40th Street and Meadowbrook Drive. Installing CROSS TRAFFIC DOES NOT STOP warning sign at existing STOP sign for eastbound traffic on NW Meadowbrook drive at 40th Street. Also Removing YIELD sign near 505 NW 40th Street for northbound traffic at NW 40th Street and Meadowbrook Drive.

Kuykendall stated that after the previous meeting, he had an opportunity to drive that intersection and recommended the staff recommendation to the proposed changes.

Means asked for any Audience Participation at this time.

Tim Easton, 726 NW 46th Street, stated that he had lived in various houses in the area since 1968 and believed that if the stop sign at NW 40th Street is vital due to poor line of sight visibility for westbound traffic. Many of the citizens in the neighborhood fought hard for these signs to be put in due to the accidents occurring near the bus stop. Since the signs were put in, he could think of only one accident that has occurred.

Robert Sobilski, 4813 NW Cheryl Boulevard, has lived in the area since 1981, 38 years. He has not once experienced no inconvenience at that intersection. He does not believe in fixing what is not broke, therefore recommends no changes are made. He asked what is the objection that has been raised with the current configuration.

Wolcott stated that he was acting on a request from Councilmember Caleb Davis on behalf of his constituents in that area.

Sobilski repeated that he recommended leaving it as is, if there could be no reasonable objections raised. Just because someone might be a little inconvenienced, big deal.

Kelso asked if he thought the children boarding the buses from the median were safe.

Sobilski stated that there were as safe as they could be with the current configuration.

Lt. Jacob Ferrero, LPD stated that prior to this meeting began he received a phone call from the transportation supervisor, Mr. Ferris, for Lawton Public Schools, and he asked that in the best interest of the children please leave the signs as is.

Kuykendall withdrew his recommendation to approve.

MOVED BY: Kelso; **SECOND BY:** Dentler to deny the request and leave the intersection as it currently is. **AYE:** Dentler, Means, Kelso and Kuykendall; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

V. New Business

- 2) Consider a request **(19-9)** from Susan Stover to install NO LEFT TURN signs for westbound traffic at 8308 NW Cache Road, Classic Lawton Chevrolet.

Wolcott stated that this a 2-Lane, outside westbound lane merging.

Lawton City Code 23-9-903 – Authority to restrict turning – Obedience required.

- A. The city council, by resolution, may determine those intersections at which drivers of vehicles shall not make a right turn, left turn or U-turn, and shall have placed proper signs at such intersections. The making of such turns may be prohibited between certain hours of any day and permitted at other hours.
- B. Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating that no right turn, left turn or U-turn is permitted, no driver of a vehicle shall disobey the directions of any such sign.

Staff recommends denying for installation of NO LEFT TURN sign.

MOVED BY: Kelso; **SECOND BY:** Kuykendall to accept staff recommendation to deny the request.
AYE: Dentler, Means, Kelso and Kuykendall; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

- 3) Consider a request **(19-10)** from Heather Castrogiovanni to install STOP or YIELD signs at the intersection of SW 13th and Texas Avenue.

Wolcott stated that this is a local, 4-way, uncontrolled intersection with a speed of 25 MPH. Sight distance warrants installation of YIELD signs. Staff recommends installing YIELD signs on SW 13th Street and Texas Avenue.

MOVED BY: Kelso; **SECOND BY:** Kuykendall to accept staff recommendation to install YIELD signs at SW 13th Street and Texas Avenue. **AYE:** Dentler, Means, Kelso and Kuykendall; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

- 4) Consider a request **(19-11)** from Amanda Brewer to install CHILDREN AT PLAY sign on NW Liberty.

Wolcott stated that this is a local residential street. CHILDREN AT PLAY signs are reserved for areas adjacent to public parks. Staff recommends denying request.

MOVED BY: Dentler; **SECOND BY:** Kelso to accept staff recommendation to deny the request.
AYE: Dentler, Means, Kelso and Kuykendall; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

- 5) Consider a request **(19-12)** from Stephani Bradford to install 3-way STOP at the intersection of SW 45th and Cherokee.

Wolcott stated that this is a local, residential, T intersection which aligns with a gated driveway at an apartment complex to the south. Request is based upon the intention to deter drivers from speeding. MUTCD 2B.04 “YIELD or STOP signs should not be used for speed control.”

MOVED BY: Dentler; **SECOND BY:** Kelso to accept staff recommendation to deny the request.
AYE: Dentler, Means, Kelso and Kuykendall; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

VI. Audience Participation

None

VII. Adjournment

4:20 p.m.

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