

**TRAFFIC COMMISSION MINUTES
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
August 16, 2018 – 4:05 P.M.**

I. Meeting called to order – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers (212 SW 9th St.) by David Means, 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: Robert Kelso, David Means and Ted Warkentin

ALSO PRESENT: Larry Wolcott, Public Works Director, Cindy Porter, Traffic Commission Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: Carl Dentler and Hershel Kuykendall

II. Approval of minutes from previous meeting (June 21, 2018) MOVED BY: Kelso; **SECOND BY:** Warkentin to accept the minutes as written. **AYE:** Kelso, Means and Warkentin; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

III. Consent Item(s)

None

IV. Old Business

None

V. New Business

- 1) Consider a request **(18-13)** from Councilmember Warren to install traffic control measures to prohibit left turns for westbound traffic at 2306 West Gore Blvd.

Wolcott stated that this is a 5 lane arterial with center turn lane, with no left turn lane for westbound traffic at 2306 West Gore Blvd. Councilmember Warren has received complaints from constituents concerning the left turn problem into the entrance to the Express Oil Gas Station located at this address. It was constructed where a Stripes had been located in the past, where there were several openings on the south side of Gore Blvd historically, all of those have been closed but one. This has now become the primary access point on the south side of Gore and this is where the problem is occurring. Westbound traffic is stopping waiting for an opening in the gap to turn left, causing traffic to back up into the intersection of Sheridan and Gore Blvd. This is one of the major intersections in town. Right now there is no sign prohibiting turning left, there is only a double yellow line with traffic buttons on the pavement. There is not enough width to install a median at this location. Another option would be to ask the property owner to install a right in right out median to their driveway at this location to discourage turning left turns into the drive way at this location. A flyer was dispersed to the committee prior to the meeting, illustrating plastic pylons that could be installed to detour drivers from turning left at that location. Staff recommends installing NO LEFT TURN signs and additional pavement markers for westbound traffic on West Gore Blvd at 2306 West Gore.

Warkentin asked if the farthest west entrance, at the billboard sign where a car was previously located, was still available for people to enter to go to Wayne's and or the gas station.

Wolcott replied that he believed that entrance was still accessible. The NO LEFT TURN sign would only affect the eastern most entrance to the gas station.

Means asked if the sign would also affect the patrons exiting the gas station, would they be allowed to exit and make a left turn.

Wolcott replied that an additional sign would be needed if that action was to be prohibited as well.

Means asked if the pylons shown on the flyer were collapsible.

Wolcott replied that, yes, they are flexible, and they will become a maintenance issue for the City, and therefore not something staff recommends but it was presented as an option.

Means stated that they would be a visual barrier much like the buttons. He asked if the buttons were working.

Lt. Thorne, LPD, replied that the buttons were not a deterrent for drivers that in fact some drivers see them as a challenge to try and drive through them.

Means asked if the current left turn lane on Gore extended the length of the property.

Wolcott replied that it did not, so that if a westbound driver were to turn left into the driveway, they would cross through left turn lane.

Kelso stated that he believed it was the responsibility of the property owner and that they should be sent a letter asking them to address the issue.

MOVED BY: Kelso; **SECOND BY:** Warkentin to install NO LEFT TURN signs for westbound traffic on West Gore Blvd at 2306 West Gore and send a letter to Murphy Oil Co. to change their access at this location. **AYE:** Kelso, Means and Warkentin; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

- 2) Consider a request **(18-14)** from Dorothy Hall to install speed limit signs near 6330 SW Park Place.

Wolcott stated that this is a residential street, 25 MPH speed limit, address is at 90° turn in the road. MUTCD/City Code/ City Policy states: Section 2B.13 Speed Limit Sign (R2-1) Standard: 01 Speed zones (other than statutory speed limits) shall only be established on the basis of an engineering study that has been performed in accordance with traffic engineering practices. The engineering study shall include an analysis of the current speed distribution of free-flowing vehicles. 02 The Speed Limit (R2-1) sign (see Figure 2B-3) shall display the limit established by law, ordinance, regulation, or as adopted by the authorized agency based on the engineering study. The speed limits displayed shall be in multiples of 5 mph. 03 Speed Limit (R2-1) signs, indicating speed limits for which posting is required by law, shall be located at the points of change from one speed limit to another. There is an existing 25 MPH sign at entrance to neighborhood on Oakcliff at 67th Street.

Staff does not recommend installation of additional signage.

MOVED BY: Kelso; **SECOND BY:** Warkentin to accept staff recommendation not to install additional signage at 6330 SW Park Place. **AYE:** Kelso, Means and Warkentin; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

- 3) Consider a request **(18-15)** from Misty Martin to install NO ENGINE BRAKE sign on SE Lee Blvd (HY-7) near 5002 SE Redbud Place.

Wolcott stated that this is a residential area located off HY-7 where the speed reduces from 70MPH to 45MPH. Staff recommends installing NO ENGINE BRAKES sign on SE Lee Blvd (HY-7) at east city limit boundary.

MOVED BY: Kelso; **SECOND BY:** Warkentin accept staff recommendation to install NO ENGINE BRAKES sign on SE Lee Blvd (HY-7) at east city limit boundary **AYE:** Kelso, Means and Warkentin; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

VI. Audience Participation

None

VII. Adjournment

4:23 p.m.

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