

MINUTES TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING

WAYNE GILLEY (OLD) CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – OCTOBER 18, 2012 – 4:00 P.M.

I. Meeting called to order – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m. in the Wayne Gilley City Hall Council Chambers (103 SW 4th St.) by Barry Ezerski, 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: Barry Ezerski, David Means, Johnny Owens and Todd Weatherly

ALSO PRESENT: Sagar Medisetty, Traffic Engineer, Officer Steve Martin, LPD and Sue Smith, Acting Traffic Commission Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: Robert Cole, Randy Somerlott and SPC Alex Guess

II. Approval of minutes from previous meeting (June 21, 2012)

MOVED BY: Owens; **SECOND BY:** Means to accept the minutes as written.

AYE: Ezerski, Means, Owens and Weatherly; **NAY:** None.

III. Consent Item(s)

None

IV. New Business

- 1) Consider a request **(12-17)** from Elizabeth Kurk, 133 SW 68th Street to install a School Crossing across SW 68th Street for the kids going to Almor West Elementary School.

The Traffic Engineer explained that there is a walking path and a ten foot wide public utility easement from 68th Street to 69th Street and that is the path that children living on 68th Street take to and from the school and to the park. He said 68th Street has no school crossing and the children cross at their own risk and as you can see that 68th Street is on a curve and drivers don't see the children crossing when they come up on the curve. He recommends installing a crossing there. Means asked if there is a school zone there on 68th Street. Medisetty said no there isn't on 68th Street but on 69th Street.

MOVED BY: Weatherly; **SECOND BY:** Means to install a School Crossing across SW 68th Street for the kids going to Almor West Elementary School.

AYE: Ezerski, Means, Owens and Weatherly; **NAY:** None.

- 2) Consider a request **(12-18)** from Barry Ezerski, 1701 NW Cache Road to look into the traffic related problem at the intersection of NW Elm Avenue and NW 40th Street.

The Traffic Engineer explained that NW 40th Street and NW Elm Avenue are both local streets with a speed limit of 25 mph. He said NW 40th Street comes to a dead-end on Elm Avenue to the south and NW Elm continues east from NW 40th St to NW 38th St. He said west of 40th Street, Elm Avenue is a private street and 2 streets intersect at a sharp 90 degree angle. He said there has been one reported accident by someone not noticing how sharp the turn was and damaged the property on the south side of the street. So we are recommending installing turn warning signs on both streets with an advisory speed of 15 mph to alert the drivers to slow down at the curve. Barry said then he could put a STOP sign on the private road. Medisetty said yes. Means asked legally shouldn't there be a STOP sign at a dead-end. Officer Martin said no. Officer Martin said the problem on 40th and Elm is the water runoff. He has driven there and slid in his car because it is very slick with the water on the road. Ezerski said 4 different people have hit the side wall there because of the slick spot on the road. He said the sprinkler system causes the water runoff. Medisetty asked if it is from the hotel and Ezerski said yes. Ezerski said he was going to have a concrete parking lot built there with a paved driveway which should eliminate the runoff coming from his property.

MOVED BY: Owens; **SECOND BY:** Weatherly to look into the traffic related problem at the intersection of NW Elm Avenue and NW 40th Street.

AYE: Ezerski, Means, Owens and Weatherly; **NAY:** None.

- 3) Consider a request **(12-19)** from Elementary Neighborhood Watch to install "NO TRUCKS" signs on SW "J" Avenue between SW 38th Street and SW Sheridan Road.

The Traffic Engineer explained that SW "J" Avenue is a residential collector street connecting 38th Street and Sheridan Road with posted 25 mph signs. The Neighborhood Watch has received complaints from the citizens in the area that large trucks are using SW "J" Avenue going westbound to SW 38th Street and eastbound to SW Sheridan Road. He recommends installing "No Trucks" signs on SW "J" Avenue near SW 38th Street and near SW Sheridan Road where the houses begin.

MOVED BY: Owens; **SECOND BY:** Means to install "NO TRUCKS" signs on SW "J" Avenue between SW 38th Street and SW Sheridan Road.

AYE: Ezerski, Means, Owens and Weatherly; **NAY:** None.

V. Other Discussion

Owens asked why there was a STOP sign at 40th Street and Meadowbrook. Medisetty said it was initially put there temporarily for the increased traffic from 38th Street but later made permanent due to the sight distance problem there with the curve. Smith said that Traffic Commissioner SPC Alex Guess will be leaving and will bring his replacement to next month's meeting to introduce him.

VI. Audience Participation

None.

VII. Adjournment

4:16 p.m.

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