

**TRAFFIC COMMISSION MINUTES
NEW CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
October 19, 2017 – 4:04 P.M.**

I. Meeting called to order – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers (212 SW 9th 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: Carl Dentler, Barry Ezerski, Robert Kelso, David Means and Ted Warkentin

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Randy Somerlott

II. Approval of minutes from previous meeting (August 17, 2017) MOVED BY: Means; **SECOND BY:** Dentler to accept the minutes as written. **AYE:** Dentler, Ezerski, Kelso, Means and Warkentin; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

III. Consent Item(s)

None

IV. Old Business

None

V. New Business

- 1) Consider a request **(17-16)** from Joyce Grant to install a STOP or Yield sign on SW Brookline Ave. at SW 60th.

Wolcott stated that Lawton City Code 23-8-801 D states that unless traffic control devices are posted to the contrary, when a road terminates at a “T” intersection, where two or more vehicles approach said “T” intersection, the vehicle approaching on the terminating branch of the “T” intersection shall yield to the vehicle or vehicles approaching on the nonterminating branch, regardless of the direction of travel by the vehicle on the nonterminating branch. Brookline is the terminating branch of the “T”. Intersection has adequate sight distance for traffic on Brookline to yield to traffic on 60th. Staff’s recommendation is to deny this request.

MOVED BY: Means; **SECOND BY:** Dentler to accept staff recommendation to deny request for installation of STOP or Yield sign on SW Brookline at 60th. **AYE:** AYE: Dentler, Ezerski, Kelso, Means and Warkentin; **NAY:** None

- 2) Consider a request **(17-17)** from David Drummond to install STOP signs on 40th at NW Elm.

Wolcott stated that the South leg of this 4-way intersection is a parking lot driveway and the west leg is a private road. The East leg is NW Elm and the North Leg is NW 40th Street. Primary legs of the intersection are southbound and westbound. Secondary approaches are northbound (driveway) and eastbound (private road). Highest volume approach is westbound. Site distance does not warrant STOP or YIELD. Lawton City Code 23-8-801 B states that when two vehicles enter or approach an intersection from different highways at approximately the same time, the driver of the vehicle on the left shall yield the right-of-way to the vehicle on the right. MUTCD states that YIELD or STOP signs should be used at an intersection if an intersection or a less important road with a main road where application of the normal right-of-way rule would not be expected to provide reasonable compliance with the law. Staff recommends installation of YIELD signs on the north and southbound legs on the intersection at NW 40th and Elm.

Ezerski stated that the parking lot that abuts this intersection is the one to his office and that there had been multiple accidents at this intersection.

MOVED BY: Dentler; **SECOND BY:** Means to accept staff recommendation to install YIELD signs on the north and southbound legs on the intersection on 40th at NW Elm. **AYE:** Dentler, Ezerski, Kelso, Means and Warkentin; **NAY:** None

- 3) Consider a request **(17-18)** from Caleb Davis, Councilmember, to install STOP signs on NW Hunter Road at NW 75th, making it a 4-way STOP to slow down traffic on Hunter.

Wolcott stated that MUTCD states that YIELD or STOP signs should not be used for speed control.

MOVED BY: Means; **SECOND BY:** Dentler to accept staff recommendation to deny request for installation of STOP signs on NW Hunter Road at 75th. **AYE:** Dentler, Ezerski, Kelso, Means and Warkentin; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

- 4) Consider a request **(17-19)** from Craig Billingsley to provide a flashing left-turn YELLOW ARROW signal indication for east and westbound left turns at the intersection of NW 82nd Street and Cache Road.

Wolcott stated that this intersection is an arterial, 4-way signalized intersection. Traffic backups occur for eastbound left turns as a result of Goodyear shift changes at this intersection. Through traffic on east and westbound NW Cache Road is light enough so that left turning vehicles can find gaps to negotiate permissive left turns.

Ezerski asked if the signalization would be only on east and westbound Cache Road and no changes to 82nd Street.

Wolcott answered in the affirmative, stating that there is already double left turns on 82nd Street and if you install a permissive left turn it could cause an issue with stacking.

MOVED BY: Means; **SECOND BY:** Warkentin to accept staff recommendation to provide flashing left-turn YELLOW ARROW signals for eastbound and westbound left turns at the intersection of NW 82nd and Cache Road. **AYE:** Dentler, Ezerski, Kelso, Means and Warkentin; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

VI. Audience Participation

None

VII. Adjournment

4:16 p.m.

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