

**TRAFFIC COMMISSION MINUTES
NEW CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
November 17, 2016 – 4:00 P.M.**

I. Meeting called to order – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:56 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers (212 SW 9th St.) by Barry Ezerski, Traffic Commission Co-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, Johnny Owens and Randy Somerlott

ALSO PRESENT: Larry Wolcott, Public Works Director, Lt. Justin Thorne, LPD and Cindy Porter, Traffic Commission Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: David Means

II. Approval of minutes from previous meeting (October 6, 2016) MOVED BY: Owens; **SECOND BY:** Dentler to accept the minutes as written.

AYE: Dentler, Ezerski, Owens and Somerlott; **NAY:** None

III. Consent Item(s)

None

IV. Old Business

None

V. New Business

- 1) Consider a request **(16-15)** from Judy McConnell to establish a 25 MPH SCHOOL ZONE on SW Lee Blvd. at SW 13th Street.

Larry Wolcott stated that The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices defines a school as “a public or private educational institution recognized by the state education authority for one or more grades K through 12 or as otherwise defined by the State.” The request was submitted to serve a facility that is occupied by a federal contractor who is performing training operations for soldiers. This facility does not meet the definition of a school since those attending training are adults and not school age children. Pedestrians crossing Lee Blvd. should utilize the signalized intersections of SW 11th and SW 13th.

MOVED BY: Owens; **SECOND BY:** Dentler to deny the request to establish a 25 MPH SCHOOL ZONE on SW Lee Blvd. at SW 13th Street. **AYE:** Dentler, Ezerski, Means, Owens and Somerlott; **NAY:** None

- 2) Consider a request **(16-16)** from Jerry Ihler to discuss and consider adoption of a neighborhood traffic management and calming program.

Larry Wolcott stated that to help reduce speeding in residential areas, a neighborhood traffic management and calming program was drafted for the City of Lawton in 2009. That program was

considered by the City Council at the May 12, 2009 meeting and was not adopted due to concerns relating to amount of required staff time, vehicle damage claims, emergency vehicle response time and cost.

Ezerski asked if the City had the money to implement this program.

Wolcott replied that it was not in the budget so it would primarily be funded through the Street Division's material account. This account is used to do street repair and right now there is no excess in that account.

Owens asked what the cost would be to implement this program.

Wolcott stated that depend on which aspect of the program you were going to implement. For example a speed table would be in the \$5000 range.

Ezerski stated that one of the first things to implement in the program is high police presence and that hasn't made a difference to the speeding.

Dentler stated that he did not see much of a change since this was looked at previously in 2009.

Ezerski stated that the population of Lawton has actually declined since then.

MOVED BY: Owens; **SECOND BY:** Somerlott to deny the request to adopt a neighborhood traffic management and calming program as the money required would be better spent on street repair and infrastructure. **AYE:** Dentler, Ezerski, Owens and Somerlott; **NAY:** None

- 3) Consider a request **(16-17)** from Stephanie Ryan to install STOP signs on the 1500 and 1600 block of NW Andrews.

Larry Wolcott stated that MUTCD does not recommend installation of stop signs for speed control. It has been the policy of the Traffic Commission and City Council to deny requests for STOP signs where they are not required to establish right-of-way at intersections.

Ezerski asked if it is currently a Two-way stop and they want it to be a Four-way stop.

Wolcott answered that that was correct.

MOVED BY: Dentler; **SECOND BY:** Owens to accept staff recommendation to deny the request to install STOP signs the 1500 and 1600 block of NW Andrews.
AYE: Dentler, Ezerski, Owens and Somerlott; **NAY:** None

VI. Audience Participation

None

VII. Adjournment

4:05 p.m.

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