

**TRAFFIC COMMISSION MINUTES
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
December 16, 2021 – 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: David Means, Paula Bowen, Hershel Kuykendall, Willie Smith and Ted Warkentin.

ALSO PRESENT: Larry Wolcott, Public Works Director, Cherry Callas, Traffic Commission Secretary, Officer McCallick, LPD and Charles Barnett.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

II. Approval of minutes from previous meeting (April 15, 2021) MOVED BY: Kuykendall; SECOND BY: Smith to accept the minutes as written. AYE: Means, Kuykendall, Bowen, Smith, Warkentin; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None

III. Consent Item(s)

None

IV. Old Business

None

V. New Business

- 1) Consider a request (21-06) from Zachary Rumble to install a speed table on NW Compass Ave, between Euclid and Columbia Avenues.
Also, discussed the 3 additional requests for speed tables (21-07, 21-08, 21-09)

Larry Wolcott stated that actually the first four (4) items are for speed table requests. The last couple of years we've been receiving these types of requests after the commission and the council adopted a neighborhood traffic calming policy. The speed table installation is just one method that we can use to calm traffic or slow traffic down in residential streets. So as part of the calming policy, we put together some warrants. Basically, the area has to meet 4 of the basic warrants, the first being that it is a local or collector street, 2nd is that the speed limit for that street is 25 mph, and so for this first request those first 2 warrants are met. The next 2 warrants involve speed and traffic volume. The 3rd warrant is that the 85th percentile speed be 34 mph or greater, meaning that at least 15 percent of people using that road are going 34 mph or faster. In this case the 85th percentile speed was 27.8 mph so it didn't break that threshold of 34 mph. and, the last warrant is the daily traffic volume, the threshold is 600 cars in either direction, per day, and in this case we do have the warrant met as well at 661 vehicles

for this location. We do have 3 out of the 4 warrants met but it doesn't meet the policy in that all four are met. So the recommendation would be to adhere to the policy and deny the installation.

Kuykendall asked if the denial was just on item one or all four of the requests for the speed tables. Wolcott stated that going through the remaining 3 speed table requests, none of the four met the warrants that we have outlined in the policy so all four are recommended for denial.

Means asked that if we make the motion for denial, we are moving to deny all 4 requests according to your recommendation and Wolcott said yes, that is correct.

MOVED BY: Smith; **SECOND BY:** Kuykendall to accept staff recommendation to deny the installation of speed tables at all four of the requested locations (21-06, 21-07, 21-08, 21-09)

AYE: Means, Bowen, Kuykendall, Smith, Warkentin; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

- 2) Consider a request (21-10) to install STOP or YIELD sign on SE Interstate Drive at SE 7th Street.

Wolcott stated that this is an uncontrolled T-intersection, coming off of Interstate Drive, entering onto 7th street is the primary movement or vice versa. You have the traffic along that frontage road that services all of the hotels and businesses in that area. Right now there are no signs but based on the geometry of that intersection and some commercial signs there is a sight distance limitation so my recommendation is to install a YIELD sign on Interstate Drive at SE 7th Street. That would be a YIELD sign at the base of the T-intersection.

MOVED BY: Kuykendall; **SECOND BY:** Warkentin to accept staff recommendation to install a YIELD sign at the T-Intersection at SE Interstate Drive and SE 7th Street.

AYE: Means, Bowen, Kuykendall, Smith, Warkentin; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

- 3) Consider a request (21-11) to install CHILDREN AT PLAY signs near 1201 NW Logan Ave.
Consider a request (21-12) to install CHILDREN AT PLAY signs near 105 SW 19th Street.

Wolcott stated that these are 2 requests for Children at Play signs, and typically we only install these types of signs where we have a city park or playground area where we would have a concentration of children playing in the area. This is the most common request that we get as far as traffic requests and it goes back to people speeding in neighborhoods, and parents and residents being concerned with trying to do something to slow down traffic and this is one of the first things that they think of but if we installed these signs everywhere throughout the City of Lawton, the signs would lose their effectiveness so we do reserve these signs for playgrounds and since this location does not have a playground my recommendation is for denial. Means asked if the recommendation for denial was for both items, and Wolcott said yes.

MOVED BY: Smith; **SECOND BY:** Kuykendall to accept staff recommendation to deny the installation of CHILDREN AT PLAY signs at both locations, 1201 NW Logan Ave.; 105 SW 19th Street.

AYE: Means, Bowen, Kuykendall, Smith, Warkentin; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

- 4) Consider a request (21-13) to designate NW 47th Street as one-way traveling southbound from Santa Fe Ave to Ridgecrest Drive and designate NW Ridgecrest as one-way traveling northbound from 47th Street to Santa Fe Ave.

Means asked if there was a real reason to look at this request. Wolcott stated that the reason is the staging of parents to drop off and pick up their children at Ridgecrest elementary is what the request was based off of. Ricky White made the request which indicated that he was representing other parents, the PTA, or something to that effect. These types of requests really have to come from the school system for us to make this sort change. Doing this would impact 27 residential properties along those 2 streets and since this request, LPS has tried to do more public education for the parents and try to stage their pickups and drop offs in a way that limits congestion as much as possible, but since this request isn't coming from the school and it affects so many properties, I would recommend that the request be denied. Means said that this sounds like the problems that they had at Pioneer Park School a few years ago with traffic interfering with Rogers Lane traffic. Bowen asked if any of the homeowners or renters have been notified of this particular request. Wolcott said that they have not. But before changing a street from 2-way to one way, we would definitely go through the process of notifying the residents on these streets to get their input.

Bowen also asked if there was a petition with this request and Wolcott said no, just the request from Ricky white.

MOVED BY: Kuykendall; **SECOND BY:** Bowen to accept staff recommendation to deny the request to change NW 47th and NW Ridgecrest streets to one-way. Kuykendall added to notify the requester for further information such as a petition and notification of the residents if this change were to be implemented.

AYE: Means, Bowen, Kuykendall, Smith, Warkentin; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

VI. Audience Participation - None

VII. Adjournment

4:15 p.m.

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