

**TRAFFIC COMMISSION MINUTES
NEW CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
December 21, 2017 – 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 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, Randy Somerlott and Ted Warkentin

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

II. Approval of minutes from previous meeting (November 1, 2017) MOVED BY: Dentler;
SECOND BY: Somerlott to accept the minutes as written. **AYE:** Dentler, Ezerski, Kelso, Means, Somerlott and Warkentin; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

III. Consent Item(s)

None

IV. Old Business

- 1) Consider a request (17-20) from Councilmember Dwight Tanner to designate times when the handicap parking spaces on the south side of the 500 block of SW ‘C’ Ave can be used by drivers who are not handicapped.

Wolcott stated that at the last meeting this item was tabled for further research. City Code: 23-6-605 A: The city council, by resolution, may establish parking time limits, or prohibit parking, on designated streets and public property by having appropriate signs placed thereon. MUTCD does not address this situation. City code requires one handicap space for every 25 required spaces. Parking is not required for the downtown area. Courthouse hours are Monday – Friday, 8am-5pm. County Jail weekend visitation is Saturday 8:30am-8:45pm and Sunday 9:00am – 7:45pm. The ADA Coordinator for the City does not have an issue with this and County Commissioner Johnny Owens has also said he had no problem with this wording. There are 6 handicapped parking stalls on this road, staff recommends only changing the signs on 4 of these stalls with the new wording.

MOVED BY: Means; **SECOND BY:** Dentler to accept staff recommendation to install signs with the wording: accessible symbol & RESERVED PARKING with begin and end times (7:00 – 5:00pm). PARKING OPEN TO ALL VEHICLES with begin and end times (5:00pm -7:00am). **AYE:** Dentler, Ezerski, Kelso, Means, Somerlott and Warkentin; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

V. New Business

- 1) Consider a request **(17-23)** from Colin Barry to install NO JAKE BRAKE signs on eastbound NW Rogers Lane at NW Central Drive and at NW Morningside Drive and on NW Indian Trail Road south of Rogers Lane.

Wolcott stated Jake Brake is a brand name of truck engine brakes and refers only to truck engine brakes manufactures by Jacob Vehicle Systems, Inc. Signs using the Jake Brake mark violate trademark laws and Jacob Vehicle Systems, Inc requests that this sign wording not be used. Staff recommends install NO ENGINE BRAKES sign on eastbound NW Rogers Lane at NW Central Drive and at NW Morningside Drive and on NW Indian Trail Road 200 feet south of Rogers Lane.

Means asked if Indian Trail Road was city property.

Wolcott replied that this section of it is.

MOVED BY: Means; **SECOND BY:** Somerlott to install NO ENGINE BRAKE sign on eastbound NW Rogers Lane at NW Central Drive and at NW Morningside Drive and on NW Indian Trail Road 200 feet south of Rogers Lane. **AYE:** Dentler, Ezerski, Kelso, Means, Somerlott and Warkentin; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

- 2) Consider a request **(17-24)** from Councilmember McGahee to install STOP signs on SW Cambridge Drive at SW Edinburgh Drive.

Wolcott stated when two vehicles approach an intersection from different streets or highways at approximately the same time, the right-of-way rull requires the driver of the vehicle on the left to yield the right-of-way to the vehicle on the right. The right-of-way can be modified at through streets or highways by placing YIELD signs or STOP signs on one or more approaches. MUTCC 2B.04: YIELD or STOP signs should not be used for speed control. Staff recommends installing YIELD signs on SW Edinburgh Drive at SW Cambridge Drive.

MOVED BY: Somerlott; **SECOND BY:** Warkentin to accept staff recommendation to install YIELD signs on SW Edinburgh Drive at SW Cambridge Drive. **AYE:** Dentler, Ezerski, Kelso, Means, Somerlott and Warkentin; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

- 3) Consider a request **(17-25)** from Lawton Police Department to install speed limit sign for northbound 82nd Street, south of Lee Blvd.

Wolcott stated that this is a 2-lane section line road, with existing 55 MPH speed limit signs for northbound traffic on SW 82nd Street at HY-36 and existing 45 MPH speed limit sight for southbound traffic on SW 82nd Street, south of Lee Blvd. Staff recommends installing a 45MPH speed limit sign for northbound traffic on SW 82nd Stree, ½ mile north of Bishop, and install 55 MPH speed limit sign for southbound traffic on SW 82nd Street ½ mile north of Bishop.

MOVED BY: Somerlott; **SECOND BY:** Means to accept staff recommendation to intall 45MPH speed limit sign for northbound traffic on SW 82nd Stree, ½ mile north of Bishop, and install 55

MPH speed limit sign for southbound traffic on SW 82nd Street ½ mile north of Bishop. **AYE:** Dentler, Ezerski, Kelso, Means, Somerlott and Warkentin; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

VI. Audience Participation

None

VII. Adjournment

4:12 p.m.

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