

TRAFFIC COMMISSION MINUTES

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

September 19, 2024 – 4:00 P.M.

I. Meeting called to order – Roll Call

David Means called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers (212 SW 9th St.). 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, David Wood, Hershel Kuykendall, Mayoan Santana

ALSO, PRESENT Jignesh Thakkar, Traffic Engineer Consultant, Shanie Day, Traffic Commission Secretary, Melissa Zermeno, Traffic Commission Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ted Warkentin

II. Approval of minutes from previous meeting (June 6, 2024) MOVED BY Wood; SECOND BY: Kuykendall; to accept the minutes as written. AYE: Means, Wood, Santana, Kuykendall NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None

III. Consent Item(s)

None

IV. Old Business

None

V. New Business

- 1) Consider request (24-46) Citizen states that the intersection of NW Euclid Ave and NW Compass needs to be a 4-way Stop. NW Euclid Avenue has Stop Signs. Most people assume it's a 4-way stop. They will run the stop sign and pull out in front of people traveling on NW Compass Avenue.

Action Recommended by Staff: Deny the request to install a STOP sign on NW Compass Ave. Installing All-Way Stop Control requires meeting the warrant in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD); engineering judgment alone is not enough. (Ref. Sections 2B.07 and 2B.16 in MUTCD). Crash data from the OSHO interactive map and traffic volume from ODOT do not fulfill the requirement to change the intersection control to an all-way stop. Sight distance does not appear to be limited from Google Imagery and Streetview. Instead, install "CROSS TRAFFIC DOES NOT STOP" (W4-4P) plaques with the existing STOP signs on NW Euclid Ave approaches. These plaques will clarify to the drivers on NW Euclid Ave that the intersection is not an all-way stop and that the traffic on NW Compass Ave has the right of way. After installing the W4-4P plaques if the issue persists, a minimum 13-hour traffic count study is recommended to evaluate if an all-way stop control is warranted.

MOVED BY: Kuykendall; **SECOND BY:** Wood, to deny request to install STOP signs at the corner of NW Euclid and NW Compass Ave, but instead, install a "Cross Traffic Does Not Stop" sign.

AYE Means, Wood, Santana, Kuykendall; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

- 2) Consider a request (24-47) from Bruce Rucker for a No Parking Sign to be installed on NW Chesley Drive @ NW 82nd St.

Action Recommended by Staff: According to the 2023 Oklahoma Statutes Title, no person shall park a vehicle within 30 feet upon approaching a stop sign. This rule should be adequate to protect the residential street from any parked car at the NW Chesley Dr and NW 82nd St intersection. A similar street, NW Cheswick Ave, and NW 82nd St is reviewed for an example and does not have a NO PARKING sign.

MOVED BY: Kuykendall; **SECOND BY:** Wood; to deny request for No Parking Sign.

AYE: Means, Wood, Kuykendall, Santana; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

- 3) Consider request (24-48) from Fernan Sustaita requesting to remove the Yield sign and replace it with a Stop sign at the intersection of NW Willow Creek Dr & NW Micklegate Blvd.

Action Recommended by Staff: Accept the request to remove the Yield sign and replace it with a Stop Sign. At the intersection, Willow Creek Dr meets Micklegate Blvd, where the curved road creates an obstacle in the sight distance. Nearby Willow Creek Park attracts pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Replacing the Yield sign with the Stop sign will increase the safety of this intersection.

MOVED BY: Wood; **SECOND BY:** Kuykendall; to accept staff recommendation to remove Yield Sign and replace it with a Stop Sign.

AYE Means, Wood, Kuykendall, Santana; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

- 4) Consider a request (24-49) from Angel Sierra to install an Autistic Child Sign and Deaf Child Sign on her road. Medical documentation has been supplied by the parent and attached to this request. Citizen is also requesting a Dead-End sign on Washington Avenue due to too much traffic.

Action Recommended by Staff: Warning signs with Autistic Child or Deaf Child are specific use non- standard signs that are not covered under the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

Since these signs are non-standard, drivers may not have a clear understanding of what to interpret these signs and may not necessarily increase safety. However, a few municipalities in other states have installed similar non-standard signs in special cases with supporting medical documentation. If installed, the sign should read "CHILD WITH AUTISM".

SW Washington Ave terminates just west of SW 24th St. Installation of DEAD-END with arrow (W14- 1a) plaques on the existing post with the SW Washington Ave street name sign at SW 24th St intersection is recommended. This may reduce traffic on SW Washington Ave by eliminating drivers that enter the street assuming that the street continues further west.

MOVED BY: Kuykendall; **SECOND BY:** Wood; to approve installation of AUTISTIC CHILD Sign and also DEAD END Sign.

AYE: Means, Wood, Kuykendall, Santana; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

- 5) Consider a request (24-51) Citizen is requesting a STOP sign or a YEILD sign at the intersection of:
 - #1. NW Newgate Dr & NW Taylors Landing
 - #2. NW Allison Lane & NW Micklegate Blvd.

Action Recommended by Staff: Install a Yield Sign on NW Allsion Ln. Horizontal curves exist on both streets just prior to the intersection, and the view for the left-turning traffic on NW Allison Ln is obstructed by a fence. Installing a Yield sign on NW Allison Ln may improve the safety of this intersection.

Deny the request to install a Yield or Stop sign on NW Newgate Dr. The sight distance from the street view appears adequate. Crash data and traffic volume are okay to run this intersection in "No Intersection Control" (ref Section 2B.09 and 2B.10 of the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)).

MOVED BY: Kuykendall; **SECOND BY:** Santana; approval to install a YIELD Sign @ NW Alison Lane and Deny installation of YIELD sign @ NW Newgate Dr & Taylors landing.

AYE: Means, Wood, Kuykendall, Santana; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

- 6) Consider a request (24-52) to install an Autistic Child Sign at 6202 NW Cheyenne Drive

Action Recommended by Staff: Staff recommendation is to approve installation of Autistic Child Sign

MOVED BY: Wood; **SECOND BY:** Kuykendall; to install Autistic Child Sign.

AYE: Means, Wood, Kuykendall, Santana; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

- 7) Consider a request (24-53) to install an Autistic Child Sign at 2618 SW B Ave.

Action Recommended by Staff: Staff recommendation is to approve installation of Autistic Child Sign

MOVED BY: Wood; **SECOND BY:** Kuykendall to install Autistic Child Sign.

AYE: Means, Wood, Kuykendall, Santana; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

- 8) Consider a request (24-54) to install a STOP Sign at both ends of Salinas Drive and a KIDS PLAYING Sign at the east end of Sedalia Ave.

Action Recommended by Staff: Install a Yield Sign on western opening of the SW Salinas Dr at 806 SW Sedalia Ave. According to OSHO interactive crash maps, there was a pedestrian crash in that intersection in April 2020. It appears in google street view that the view for the left-turning traffic on SW Salinas Dr may be obstructed by a tree. Installing a Yield on SW Salinas Dr may improve the safety of this intersection.

Deny the request to install a Yield or Stop sign on eastern opening of the Salinas Dr. The sight distance from the street view appears adequate. According to OSHO interactive crash maps, there has been no crash in that intersection in the last 12 months. Considering the estimated traffic volume and crash data, this intersection can run in "No Intersection Control" (ref Section 2B.09 and 2B.10 of the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)).

Deny the kids' playing sign as it is not MUTCD compliant. According to Lawton city code 23-2-202, all traffic-control signs, signals and devices shall conform to the latest edition of the MUTCD

MOVED BY: Kuykendall; **SECOND BY:** Santana; approval of YIELD Sign at the western opening of SW Salinas Dr at 806 Sedalia Ave.

AYE: Means, Wood, Kuykendall, Santana; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

- 9) Consider a request (24-55) to install a No Parking Sign in the front of residence at 2502 SW Wolf Avenue.

Action Recommended by Staff: Deny the request to install NO PARKING signs. City Code 23-6-603 prohibits parking to "block the driveway entrance to any abutting property". There are already two "DO NOT BLOCK DRIVEWAY" signs on the two driveways of the citizen's property. From Google Streetview imagery, these signs appear to be non-standard. If the problem persists, the appropriate city authority should be involved in a discussion with the food bank authority about their parking and circulation plan.

MOVED BY: Kuykendall, **SECOND BY:** Wood: DENIAL of installation of No Parking Sign.

AYE: Means, Wood, Santana, Kuykendall **NAY:** None, **ABSTAIN:** None

VI. Audience Participation - None

VII. Adjournment

4:33p.m.

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