

TRAFFIC COMMISSION MINUTES

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

February 15, 2024 – 4:00 P.M.

I. Meeting called to order – Roll Call

David Means called the meeting to order at 4:07 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, Willie Smith, Mayoan Santana

ALSO, PRESENT BJ Hawkins, Traffic Engineer Consultant, Shanie Day, Traffic Commission Secretary, Sgt. Matt Whittington, Lawton Police Department Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ted Warkentin, Hershel Kuykendall

II. Approval of minutes from previous meeting (November 16, 2023) MOVED BY Wood; SECOND BY: Smith; to accept the minutes as written. AYE: Means, Wood, Santana, Smith NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None

III. Consent Item(s)

None

IV. Old Business

None

V. New Business

- 1) Consider request (23-34) from Toni Thomley for a STOP Sign at SW 38th St. Tag Agency location.

Staff recommendation is to deny request. Stop signs are not typically installed by the City on private driveways. It is a state law that vehicles on a private driveway who are approaching a public street shall yield the right-of-way and not proceed until it is safe to do so, regardless of if there is a STOP sign or YIELD sign present, visible, or not. If a private business would like to install a STOP sign on their property, they may do so. Police records indicated five collisions near the intersection, but none of them would have been correctable with the installation of a STOP sign.

MOVED BY: Smith; **SECOND BY:** Wood, to deny request to install STOP signs at the Tag Agency at SW 38th St.

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

- 2) Consider a request (23-35) from Joanna Tazzia for a STOP sign to be placed at the intersection of 45th and Atom Ave.

Staff recommendation is to deny request. STOP signs are not intended to be speed control measures. SW Atom Avenue is located just one block south of Gore Boulevard so speeding should not be an issue. No sight distance issues either. If speeding in the area does occur, then it is an enforcement issue, and the citizen could request a speed table to be installed on SW 45th Street.

MOVED BY: Smith; **SECOND BY:** Santana; to deny request to install STOP sign at the intersection of 45th and Atom Ave.

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

- 3) Consider a request (23-36) from Amy Albert for a STOP/YIELD sign at NO 6th St from Gore Blvd. to Ferris Ave.

Staff recommendation is to approve request. Approve the installation of northbound and southbound STOP signs and W4-4P "CROSS TRAFFIC DOES NOT STOP" signs on NW 6th Street at Columbia Avenue and remove the STOP signs eastbound and westbound on Columbia Avenue. The segment of NW 6th Street from Gore Boulevard to Ferris Avenue is approximately 0.5 miles in length and there are no northbound or southbound STOP or YIELD signs. Columbia Avenue is approximately halfway between Gore Boulevard and Ferris Avenue.

The northeast corner of the intersection of NW 6th Street and Columbia Avenue is the location of Thirty-Fifth Division Park. Two blocks to the east is the Villanova Apartment complex and two blocks to the west is the Washington Elementary School. There are currently pedestrian signs across NW 6th Street at Columbia Avenue, and it would be a logical pathway for neighborhood students to walk to school. The N/S STOP signs will increase safety.

MOVED BY: Smith; **SECOND BY:** Wood; to accept staff recommendation to approve STOP/YIELD sign at N. 6th St from Gore Blvd. to Ferris Ave.

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

- 4) Consider a request (23-37) from Street & Traffic Control Superintendent for a “No Thru Trucks” sign at NW Rogers and Lindy Ave.

Staff recommendation is to deny request. Hawkins visited site and did not witness any large trucks accessing NW Lindy Avenue. NW Lindy Avenue is a public street which any vehicle can utilize. If large trucks are using this route, the frequency would be very seldom and prohibiting trucks on NW Lindy Avenue does not guarantee they would adhere to the signage and may travel on an adjacent public street.

MOVED BY: Smith; **SECOND BY:** Wood; to accept staff recommendation to deny No Thru Trucks sign at N. 6th St. from Gore Blvd. to Ferris Ave.

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

VI. Audience Participation - None

VII. Adjournment

4:13p.m.

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