

**TRAFFIC COMMISSION MINUTES
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
April 20, 2023 – 4:00 P.M.**

I. Meeting called to order – Roll Call

David Means called the meeting to order at 4:00 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, Mayoan Santana, Willie Smith.

ALSO, PRESENT Larry Wolcott, Public Works Director, Cherry Callas, Traffic Commission Secretary, LPD Officer John Alonzo, BJ Hawkins, Traffic Engineer Consultant

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ted Warkentin, Hershel Kuykendall

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

III. Consent Item(s)

None

IV. Old Business

None

V. New Business

- 1) Consider a request (23-10) from Lisa Eakins to provide striping for on-street parking in front of business at 1001 SW B Ave.

Hawkins stated that it is possible to add striping for possibly 2 parking spots at this location as there are multiple driveways entering into this business as well as others. Staff recommendation is to provide striping for parking spots at 1001 SW B Ave.

MOVED BY: Smith; **SECOND BY:** Wood, to accept recommendation to provide striping for parking spots in front of business at 1001 SW B Ave.

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

- 2) Consider a request (23-11) from Delores Gann to review traffic control devices to prevent left turns for southbound traffic on NW 23rd St. at Cache Road (Chick-Fil-A) and improve if necessary. Hawkins stated that there is an existing “RIGHT TURN ONLY” sign installed for the southbound approach. Driver’s ignoring the signage indicates that this is an enforcement issue. Staff recommendation is to take No Action for this request.

MOVED BY: Smith; **SECOND BY:** Wood to accept staff recommendation to take no action for this request.

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

- 3) Consider a request (23-12) from Leeandra Lockwood to install a speed limit sign or children at play sign on SE Pinewood Drive. Hawkins stated that no action is recommended. SE Pinewood is a 950 foot-long non-collector street, speed limit signs are typically installed when turning from an arterial road or collector road. City ordinance 23-7-701 states that the speed limit on all streets is 25 mph unless otherwise posted. Additionally, there is a DEAF CHILD AREA sign installed on SE Pinewood Drive for north bound traffic north of Hillcrest Road and for southbound traffic north of Walnut Creek Road. Staff recommendation is to deny the request for Children at Play and Speed limit signs.

MOVED BY: Wood; **SECOND BY:** Smith to accept staff recommendation to deny the installation of a Children at Play sign and speed limit sign.

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

- 4) Consider a request (23-13) from Robert Morris to install a stop sign at NW Arlington and NW 31st for southbound traffic. Hawkins stated that this is a T-intersection at NW Arlington and east, west traffic should yield to oncoming traffic. Stop signs are not intended for speed control measures. Staff recommendation is to deny the installation of a STOP sign at the intersection at NW 31nd and NW Arlington.

MOVED BY: Smith; **SECOND BY:** Santana to accept staff recommendation to deny the installation of a STOP sign at NW 31nd and NW Arlington.

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

- 5) Consider a request (23-14) from Doug Lasley to install a STOP or YIELD sign on SW 63rd Street at Summit Ave. Southbound drivers frequently do not yield the right-of-way to EB or WB drivers. The short dead end section to the west make SB drivers falsely assume the WB drivers are always going to turn right (NB).

Hawkins stated that this is an elbow type of L intersection where traffic heading west must turn North and traffic heading South must turn to the East, the exception would be traffic heading to the two homes just west of the intersection.

Staff recommendation is to install a YIELD sign on the southbound approach at the intersection of SW 63rd and SW Summit Avenue.

MOVED BY: Santana; SECOND BY: Wood to accept staff recommendation to install a YIELD sign at SW 63rd and SW Summit Ave.

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

- 6) Consider a request (23-15) from Karla Brady to install DO NOT BLOCK INTERSECTION sign on NW Woodland Drive west of NW Woodland Court. The pickup line from Woodland Hills Elementary is blocking street access.

Hawkins stated that vehicles waiting to drop-off or pick-up students at the elementary school queue onto NW Woodland Drive blocking access to NW Woodland Court. The addition of the sign should improve ingress and egress on NW Woodland Ct. for local residents.

Staff recommendation is to install the DO NO BLOCK INTERSECTION sign on NW Woodland Drive west of NW Woodland Court.

MOVED BY: Smith; SECOND BY: Wood to accept staff recommendation to install DO NOT BLOCK INTERSECTION on NW Woodland Drive west of NW Woodland Ct.

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

- 7) Consider a request (23-16) by Britney Gray to install a DO NOT BLOCK INTERSECTION sign on SW Wolf Ave west of SW 24th St.

Hawkins stated that vehicles participating in the Lawton Food Bank food distribution (M/W: 10am-1pm and T/Th: 1pm-5:53pm) queue onto SW Wolf Street blocking access going to and coming from SW 24th Street. The addition of the sign should improve ingress and egress on SW 24th St. for local residents.

Staff recommendation is to install DO NOT BLOCK INTERSECTION on SW Wolf Street west of SW 24th Street.

MOVED BY: Wood; SECOND BY: Santana to accept staff recommendation to install DO NOT BLOCK INTERSECTION sign on SW Wolf west of SW 24th street.

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

- 8) Consider a request (23-17) from John Hoffman to remove the NO TURN ON RED sign at W. Gore Blvd and NW 53rd Street.

Hawkins stated that the sign NO TURN ON RED on the westbound approach is necessary due to the skewed northbound approach. When there are vehicles queued at the intersection, it can be difficult for westbound vehicles to identify oncoming northbound vehicles. Staff recommendation is to take no action, to not remove the N.T.O.R. sign.

MOVED BY: Smith; SECOND BY: Wood to accept staff recommendation to take no action and not remove the N.T.O.R. sign.

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

VI. Audience Participation - None

VII. Adjournment

4:19p.m.

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