

TRAFFIC COMMISSION MINUTES

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

June 6, 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, Ted Warkentin, Mayoan Santana

ALSO, PRESENT BJ Hawkins, Traffic Engineer Consultant, Shanie Day, Traffic Commission Secretary, Sandra Malicoat, Traffic Commission Secretary, Joe Painter, City Engineer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Willie Smith, Hershel Kuykendall

II. Approval of minutes from previous meeting (February 15, 2024) MOVED BY Wood; SECOND BY: Warkentin; to accept the minutes as written. **AYE:** Means, Wood, Santana, Warkentin **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

III. Consent Item(s)

None

IV. Old Business

None

V. New Business

- 1) Consider request (24-38) from Sharon Cheatwood. Citizen requesting a STOP sign be installed at the corner of NW 22nd St and NW Baltimore Ave. Citizen states that there is a current STOP sign at 22nd running North and South, but she is requesting East and West direction STOP sign on Baltimore also, due to this corner being a Lawton Public School bus stop intersection.

Action Recommended by Staff: Deny request. The subject intersection is located approximately 1 block west of Sheridan Road and approximately 2 blocks east of NW 23rd Street, both of which are east/west stop controlled. The intersection has low volume, low speed traffic with plenty of sight distance.

MOVED BY: Warkentin; **SECOND BY:** Wood, to deny request to install STOP signs at the corner of NW 22nd St and NW Baltimore Ave.

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

- 2) Consider a request (24-39) from Valarey Claflin for an Autistic Child Sign at 2212 NW 26th St.

Staff recommendation is to approve the request for the installation of an AUTISTIC CHILD sign in front of residence. Child's physician provided documentation of the diagnosis.

MOVED BY: Warkentin; **SECOND BY:** Wood; to approve request to install AUTISTIC CHILD sign in front of residence.

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

- 3) Consider request (24-40) from Matt Lepien. Citizen states that on the west side of the Comanche County Courthouse on 6th Street, there is a crosswalk. Matt has heard many complaints of people almost getting hit by a car as they are crossing the road.

Staff recommendation is to approve request. It is recommended that the southbound pedestrian crossing sign be removed, and two (one northbound and one southbound) Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) Pedestrian Crosswalk System signs be installed. The signs are solar powered and only flash when activated by a pedestrian. The RRFB flashes rapidly and has been proven to improve driver yield rate by up to 96%.

MOVED BY: Santana; **SECOND BY:** Wood; to accept staff recommendation to remove pedestrian crossing sign and install Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beason Pedestrian Crosswalk System signs.

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

- 4) Consider a request (24-41) from Bill Armstrong. The applicant indicates that speeding and running STOP signs is a consistent issue near his house. Odd configuration of intersections confuses drivers who ignore stops and have run into his yard. One vehicle hit his tree and flipped vehicle in his driveway.

Staff recommendation is to approve request. There is an existing STOP sign ½ block west in front of the citizens residence. Traffic Engineer recommended the installation of a STOP AHEAD sign east of NW 40th Street to further inform drivers of the upcoming westbound stop control. The intersection of Meadow Brook Drive and NW 40th is confusing and would be a great candidate for a single lane roundabout.

MOVED BY: Wood; **SECOND BY:** Warkentin; to approve installation of STOP sign east of NW 40th and Meadowbrook Drive.

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

- 5) Consider a request (24-42) Citizen is requesting a STOP sign or a YEILD sign at the intersection of W Gore Blvd & SW 74th Street. Citizen is concerned about the construction on Gore Blvd. and people are not stopping for on-coming traffic as they turn onto Gore Blvd from 74th Street

Staff recommendation is to have City staff install a Temporary STOP sign on NW 74th Street at Gore Blvd. as soon as possible until construction is complete.

MOVED BY: Wood; **SECOND BY:** Warkentin; approval to install a Temporary STOP sign on NW 74th and Gore Blvd.

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

- 6) Consider a request (24-43) Citizen states that at one point there was a “Dead End” or “No Exit” sign at the corner of Tomlin Circle and Homestead Drive. He states a couple of years ago there was construction done

at that intersection and they had to remove the sign during construction and have never put another sign up. Citizen is asking for a Dead End or No Entry sign to be placed again at this intersection.

Staff recommendation is to approve installation of “DEAD END” or “NO OUTLET” sign at this location.

MOVED BY: Wood; **SECOND BY:** Warkentin; to install DEAD END or NO OUTLET sign at the corner of Tomlinson Circle and Homestead Drive.

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

- 7) Consider a request (24-44) to review crosswalks at Douglas Learning Center at 102 E. Gore Blvd. The school zone flashers have been disabled at LPS request and we have received several requests to repaint the crosswalks, but I am hesitant due to no school zone warning/20 Mph protection. Pedestrians have crossing access at E. Gore & Railroad.

Staff recommendation is to deny request to restripe crosswalks. There are no established north/south wheelchair ramps or connecting sidewalks. Additionally, there is a north/south signalized crossing one block west at Railroad Street. I would recommend removing the non-operational school zone flasher signs, SCHOOL ZONE CROSSING signs, and END SCHOOL ZONE signs to not confuse drivers.

MOVED BY: Wood; **SECOND BY:** Warkentin; to deny restriping of crosswalks.

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

- 8) Consider a request (24-45) to remove the traffic signals at the intersection of West Gore Boulevard and 4th Street and install STOP signs on 4th Street at West Gore Boulevard.

Staff recommendation is to approve request to remove the existing traffic signal at Gore Boulevard and 4th Street. Traffic signal warrant analyses were conducted which indicated that the intersection does not come close to satisfying the 8-hour, 4-hour, or peak hour vehicular volume warrants. It is recommended that northbound and southbound STOP signs be installed on 4th Street with supplemental “CROSS TRAFFIC DOES NOT STOP” signs installed below. (Figure 2.)

MOVED BY: Warkentin; **SECOND BY:** Wood; approval to remove signal lights at 4th St and Gore Blvd.

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

VI. Audience Participation - None

VII. Adjournment

4:29p.m.

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