

**\*\* MINUTES \*\***  
**OF THE MEETING OF THE**  
**CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY**  
**TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**  
**APRIL 15, 2002**

Lyda Harrell, Ward 4, Chairman

**MEMBERS**

Phil Tow, Ward 1  
David Burja, Ward 2  
David Miller, Ward 3  
Bob Nix, Ward 5  
Louis Gonzales, Ward 6  
Vacant , Ward 7  
Leamon Freeman, Ward 8  
Milford J. Clayton, At-Large

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS**

Sheila Dees, P.E., Secretary  
Amy Douglas, Attorney  
Lt. Dennis Buckley, OCPD  
Lt. Robert Sipe, OCPD  
Sgt. R. D. Pratt, OCPD

**I. CALL TO ORDER.**

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Commissioner Bob Nix, Ward 5. All members were present with the exception of Chairman Lyda Harrell, Ward 4

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 18, 2002, MEETING OF THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION.**

- MOTION by Commissioner Freeman and SECOND by Commissioner Clayton to APPROVE the Minutes of the March 18, 2002 meeting. MOTION was APPROVED by the following votes: Ayes, Commissioners, Tow, Burja, Miller, Nix, Gonzales, Freeman and Clayton.
- MOTION CARRIES.

**III. REPORT ON LICENSED TAXI AND WRECKER SERVICES, Sgt. R. D. Pratt, Oklahoma City Police Department.**

Sgt. Pratt said he has no new report or complaints today.

**IV. CONSENT DOCKET.**

- MOTION by Commissioner Freeman and SECOND by Commissioner Tow to APPROVE the Consent Docket. MOTION was APPROVED by the following votes: Ayes, Commissioners, Tow, Burja, Miller, Nix, Gonzales and Clayton and Freeman.
- MOTION CARRIES.

**V. STOP SIGNS RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL.**

- A. Robert Sine, 2617 NW 58<sup>th</sup> Place, 73112-7106 (Ward 2)  
Consider the installation of three-way stop signs at the intersection of Ross Avenue and NW 59<sup>th</sup> Street (north intersection).

Barbara Sander, 2628 NW 59<sup>th</sup> St., which is on the SE corner of 59<sup>th</sup> and Ross spoke and stated the Traffic Management recommended a denial for 3-way stop sign. She said the first thing she wanted to point out is that her neighborhood association has been attempting to get a stop sign there for some 3 to 5 years. She said a traffic count was finally done a couple of weeks ago and that was after the 7-Eleven that was formerly open in the 2800 block of NW 59<sup>th</sup> was closed due to the fire in the building, so it will be reopened there. But unfortunately, at the time the traffic count was done she thinks the traffic was probably cut down by about 50%. Many people would go to the 7-Eleven and then come back out onto Ross. From 57<sup>th</sup> to 62<sup>nd</sup> Street is almost a quarter of a mile and there is no stop sign there. People speed down that street at unbelievable rates. They have had 2 accidents that she is aware of in the last 2 years and she thinks that's pretty unusual for a residential neighborhood to have a car wreck. Most of their neighborhood is elderly people and that's one of the reasons she doesn't have more people here with her today, and about a year ago one of the neighbors stopped at the stop sign on 59<sup>th</sup> and was going to turn left onto Ross when a pickup truck came at a fairly high rate of speed up over the little hill.

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He managed to stop, she stopped, he got out of his pickup truck and threatened her, got a tire tool out of the back of his truck and threatened to break her windows. The neighbors were out and they called police so there is a record of that incident, they did get the gentleman's. But she said she estimated the time he had to slam on his brakes he was probably doing 45 to 50mph coming down Ross. That's not an uncommon thing. She said they have a fairly large apartment complex in the 2800 block of NW 59<sup>th</sup>. There are 3 relatively small complexes on 57<sup>th</sup>. So they do have a considerable amount of traffic which she doesn't think was reflected in the traffic count after the 7-eleven had been closed due to fire.

Commissioner Burja asked her how long this 7-eleven has been out of commission.

Ms. Sander said it burned just about a month ago. The fire that burned the box store that's been maybe 4-5 Friday's ago.

Commissioner Burja asked Ms. Dees if the traffic study indicated anything.

Ms. Dees said the traffic study did indicate that there might be a need for a 3-way stop. Staff would recommend that the neighborhood study be conducted. She said we have received phone calls opposing this and letters this week.

Ms. Sander said she is certain those are people that are racing. 59<sup>th</sup> is also the street that goes from May to Pennsylvania that does not deadend at some point. It does go all the way from Pennsylvania to May. So there is quite a bit of traffic there.

Ms. Dees said these were the people that received the postcards and they all live within 300 feet of the intersection. One of the ladies that called her this morning wasn't capable of driving down to the meeting.

Mr. Nix said normally they wouldn't know if it was on the agenda unless they had been notified previously.

Commissioner Burja said he thinks this should be submitted for a neighborhood study as the engineer suggests.

- MOTION by Commissioner Burja and SECOND by Commissioner Miller to DENY Item V.A. until a neighborhood study has been conducted. MOTION was APPROVED for DENIAL by the following votes: Ayes, Commissioners, Tow, Burja, Miller, Nix, Gonzales, Freeman and Clayton.
- MOTION CARRIES.

Commissioner Miller said he would like to add a note that the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile is 34 mph on the North/South Street and added that some selective enforcement be sent in that area also. And advised that stop signs are not designed to regulate speed.

Ms. Sander said she has offered her driveway many times for her officer. She asked what a neighborhood study is or did it pass.

Mr. Dees said we would contact her on a neighborhood study. Alan will contact and write her a letter. We want to look at all the streets if we just put a stop sign on one street we normally just move the traffic over because of neighbors problems so we like to look at the whole neighborhood to get stop signs in other locations as needed and then we don't have to be back every month when we actually move the traffic.

- B. Carol McKenny, President, Glen Eagles Homeowners Association, 14513 Maplelake Drive, Edmond 73013 (Ward 8)  
Consider the installation of four-way stop signs at the intersection of Longford Way and NW 149<sup>th</sup> Street.

Commissioner Freeman stated he would move this Item be denied. He said he went out and sat on the street and never saw a single car stop at the stop sign going south. He saw 4 or 5 cars coming off of 150<sup>th</sup> street going south and they bare slowed at the stop sign on 148<sup>th</sup> street. He said it seems to him that area out there, they should be pushing for traffic signal at 150<sup>th</sup> and Western. While he was out there the traffic was back up at 150<sup>th</sup> on Western going north.

Ms. Dees said the traffic signal for 150<sup>th</sup> and Western is under design and will be installed along with the widening four lanes all directions.

- MOTION by Commissioner Freeman and SECOND by Commissioner Tow to DENY Item V.B. Motion was APPROVED for DENIAL by the following votes: Ayes, Commissioners, Tow, Burja, Miller, Nix, Gonzales, Freeman and Clayton.
- MOTION CARRIES.

## **VI. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION.**

- A. Ron Holtzclaw  
Consider the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Davis Avenue and NW 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

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Ms. Dees reported north/south is a 2,165 average daily traffic. East/west is 12,410. There has been only two accidents, one of those was only one car involved. Staff would recommend consideration.

Commissioner Tow said he drove that sight twice. He is quite familiar with that area and thinks Commissioner Miller is too. There is no sight obstruction whatever, there is a light about a ½ mile east of there. He sees no reason at this time to establish a light there, he just can't see it.

- MOTION by Commissioner Tow and SECOND by Commissioner Freeman to DENY Item VI. A. Motion was APPROVED for DENIAL by the following votes: Ayes, Commissioners, Tow, Burja, Miller, Nix, Gonzales, Freeman and Clayton.
- MOTION CARRIES.

B. Oklahoma City Police Department (Ward 2)  
Consider the installation of four-way stop signs at the intersection of Robinson Avenue and NW 59<sup>th</sup> Street.

Ms. Dees reported this item was deferred from the March meeting to allow to allow the Police Department to be here. Staff recommends denial of the 4-way stop, there has only been one accident that showed up in our records in the past year and staff would recommend installation of the East/west stop.

Commissioner Burja said he thinks this intersection is at this point only as an indicator of East/west stop, he would like to place motion before the commission to install east/west stop signs on NW 59<sup>th</sup> Street.

- MOTION by Commissioner Freeman and SECOND by Commissioner Miller to APPROVE east/west stop sign installation and DENY north/south installation of stop signs. Motion was APPROVED by the following votes: Ayes, Commissioners, Tow, Burja, Miller, Nix, Gonzales, Freeman and Clayton.
- MOTION CARRIES.

C. Phillip Collamore  
3824 Patterson Avenue  
Choctaw, OK 73020 (Ward 4)  
Consider the installation of four-way stop signs at the intersection of Anderson Road and SE 44<sup>th</sup> Street.

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Ms. Dees reported this location does not meet the warrants for an arterial 4-way stop sign as recommended on the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Staff would recommend denial.

- MOTION by Commissioner Freeman and SECOND by Commissioner Gonzales to DENY Item VI. C. Motion was APPROVED for DENIAL by the following votes: Ayes, Commissioners, Tow, Burja, Miller, Nix, Gonzales, Freeman and Clayton.
- MOTION CARRIES.

D. John Kilpatrick, President, Kilpatrick Investment Company, P O. Box 60187, Oklahoma City, OK 73146 (Ward 6)  
Consider the removal of five (5) parking meters (1323, 1324, 1325, 1326, and 1327) in front of 830 NW 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

Ms. Dees reported staff has checked this location and does not see a problem with the removal of these meters. Last months Traffic Commission removed two of the meters across the street from this location. Staff recommends consideration.

- MOTION by Commissioner Gonzales and SECOND by Commissioner Clayton to APPROVE the removal of 5 meters. Motion was APPROVED by the following votes: Ayes, Commissioners, Tow, Burja, Miller, Nix, Gonzales, Freeman and Clayton.
- MOTION CARRIES.

E. Traffic Management Division (Wards 2, 7 & 8)  
Consider Wrecker Specifications to readvertise the agreements for Wrecker Zone 4.

Ms. Dees reported the Agreements for Zone 4 were not approved by the City Council. Council requested this Zone be readvertised. The contract with Metro Towing and Recovery will be extended to allow that Zone to be covered during this process. A copy of the specifications are included for the Commissions review.

Bert Woodring spoke and said he has not been able to see the specs yet but it is his understanding that they are just like the other specs except for a couple of items.

Ms. Dees said the major change was to allow a distance between cars on either side of two feet to allow the Police easy access which we did not have in this Zone. That's the major change.

Mr. Woodring asked what's the tentative deadline for applications.

Ms. Dees said May 6<sup>th</sup>, it will go to Council not this week but we hope to get it on next week with the approval of specs and advertise and if that goes through then the opening date will be May 6<sup>th</sup>, which is a Monday.

Mr. Woodring said that is his only question, he is starting on a very big, it's going to really push him to have this finished in 3 weeks and on the specs he was wondering if move that one week. It could still allow enough time for everything to happen before the 4<sup>th</sup> of June.

Commissioner Nix told Mr. Woodring everything should be done. We are not going to approve or disapprove anything unless it is completely filled out and everything is ready to start. He said he didn't want any of this "I'll have it done in two weeks" when he submits.

Mr. Woodring said he appreciates that and he thinks he was the only one qualified the first round. But that's fine, the 6<sup>th</sup> is fine.

Commissioner Nix asked if there are any questions.

- MOTION by Commissioner Freeman and SECOND by Commissioner Burja to APPROVE Item VI.E., Specifications for Wrecker Zone 4. Motion was APPROVED by the following votes: Ayes, Commissioners, Tow, Burja, Miller, Nix, Gonzales, Freeman and Clayton.
- MOTION CARRIES.

**V. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

None

**VI. REPORTS FROM TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION COMMITTEES**

No reports or comments

**VII. ADJOURNMENT.**

- MOTION by Commissioner Freeman and SECOND by Commissioner Burja to Adjourn. MOTION was APPROVED by the following votes: Ayes, Commissioners, Tow, Burja, Miller, Harrell, Nix, Gonzales and Clayton and Freeman.
- MOTION CARRIES.