

*** * * MINUTES * * ***
OF THE MEETING OF THE
CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY
TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 23, 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
Delphine Pilate, 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 1:00 p.m. by Chairman Lyda Harrell, Ward 4.

All members were present at the meeting, with the exception of Commissioner Louis Gonzales, Ward 6.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 19th, 2002, MEETING OF THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION.

- MOTION by Commissioner Nix and SECOND by Commissioner Clayton to APPROVE the Minutes of the August 19, 2002 meeting. MOTION was APPROVED by the following votes: Ayes, Commissioners Burja, Miller, Harrell, Nix, Pilate and Clayton.
- MOTION CARRIES.

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

Sgt. Pratt stated he had one complaint to read which was made on September 10th against Sammy's Wrecker. He stated Sammy's Wrecker responded to a police call and the officer on the call noticed that the truck's inspection sticker was expired. He stated this was truck #18 of Sammy's Wrecker. He stated the tires on this truck were bald. He stated he called Sammy's Wrecker and talked to Mr. Sammy Potter, the owner, and pulled the truck off the streets. He stated a couple of days later he went out and inspected truck #18 and the problems had been corrected. He stated it had new tires on it and was re-inspected.

Commissioner Nix asked Sgt. Pratt how many violations they have had since they got their zone.

Sgt. Pratt stated probably four or five.

Commissioner Nix asked if they knew the regulations. He stated he knew they had uniform problems.

Sgt. Pratt stated they have been working with them and trying to keep them up to par. He stated ever since this occurred he has inspected five trucks that were past due for inspections.

Commissioner Nix thanked Sgt. Pratt.

Chairman Harrell stated she was going down the expressway the other day and there was a Yellow Cab right in front of her, possibly #27, and he was one of the most courteous drivers to all of the people on the expressway.

Sgt. Pratt stated he would pass that on to them and thanked Chairman Harrell.

IV. CONSENT DOCKET.

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

V. STOP SIGNS RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL.

- MOTION by Commissioner Burja and SECOND by Commissioner Pilate to APPROVE the Stop Signs Recommended for Denial Docket. MOTION was APPROVED by the following votes: Ayes, Commissioners Burja, Miller, Harrell, Nix, Pilate and Clayton.
- MOTION CARRIES.

VI. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION.

- A. Bernadino Hernandez, Owner, Chicago Limousine Service, 2437 SW 43rd Street, 73119. (All Wards)
Consider a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for Chicago Limousine Service to operate one (1) vehicle in limousine service.

Ms. Dees reported this item was deferred last month because the vehicle had not been inspected. She stated as of 9/13/02 they still have not been inspected.

Sgt. Pratt stated he inspected their limousine on 9/13/02 and it failed the inspection. He stated it had a lot of problems.

Ms. Dees stated Staff would recommend this be denied until the inspection has been completed.

- MOTION by Commissioner Miller and SECOND by Commissioners Clayton and Pilate to DENY Item VI.A. MOTION was APPROVED by the following votes: Ayes, Commissioners Burja, Miller, Harrell, Nix, Pilate and Clayton.
 - MOTION CARRIES.
- B. Stephanie J. Cotton, Executive Vice-President, VIP Limousine Service, Inc., 1800 Interstate Drive, Norman, 73072. (All Wards)
Consider a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for VIP Limousine Service, Inc. to operate ten (10) vehicles in limousine service.

Ms. Dees stated it is her understanding that these vehicles have been inspected and the application has been reviewed by the Acting Supervisor of Licensing and staff would recommend approval.

Sgt. Pratt stated he inspected all of their limousines on 9/9/02. He stated he inspected 10 limousines, nine of which passed. He stated one failed the inspection because the break lights were out. He stated it was possibly a fuse or something and they started working on right away. He stated all of these are very nice cars. He stated they're top of the line and either 1999, 2000 or 2001 model Lincolns. He stated they were in very nice shape and clean and he would recommend all of them for approval.

- MOTION by Commissioner Clayton and SECOND by Commissioner Miller to APPROVE Item VI.B. MOTION was APPROVED by the following votes: Ayes, Commissioners Burja, Miller, Harrell, Nix, Pilate and Clayton.
- MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Ann J. Long, 8204 NW 68th Place, 73132. (Ward 1)
Consider the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Council Road and Riverbend Boulevard.

Ms. Dees reported this location meets warrants #1, #2 and #3 of the 2000 MUTCD. She stated staff has received calls for and against this traffic signal. Staff recommends consideration.

- MOTION by Commissioner Pilate and SECOND by Commissioner Miller to APPROVE Item VI.C. MOTION was APPROVED by the following votes: Ayes, Commissioners Burja, Miller, Harrell, Nix, Pilate and Clayton.
- MOTION CARRIES.

- D. Mike D. Cooke, President, Harvest Hills Homeowner's Association, 8208 NW 100th Street, 73162. (Ward 1)
Consider the installation of a northbound stop sign at the intersection of Harvest Hills Boulevard and NW 98th Street.

Ms. Dees stated Commissioner Tow had requested this to be deferred for 60 days for a neighborhood study.

Henry Brown, 8248 NW 98th Street. He stated he lives on the southeast corner of this intersection. He stated he has lived there since September 1978 and it has been a hazardous intersection ever since he has lived there, but it has gotten worse. He stated the people come off the Northwest Highway at 55 mph, and this being the first intersection, they haven't reduced their speed to the 25 mph limit. He stated it goes downhill at that location and even if motorists let off their foot they are coasting downhill and the break in the speed doesn't exist. He stated he initiated the petition and got all the homeowners living on 98th Street, which is one block, to the east and then a cul-de-sac. He stated all the homeowners signed the petition as well as all the parties at the intersection. He stated he could have gotten more signatures, but he didn't feel it was necessary. He stated on 98th Street going north to Harvest Hills Boulevard would run into a duplex driveway. He stated there are three little children who live there and it's an incline on their driveway. He stated with them playing it certainly is a hazard for their safety. He stated no one hesitated to sign the petition because they feel it really is needed. He stated he then presented this petition to the homeowner's association and got their support, and the president of the Harvest Hills Homeowner's Association is present to speak.

Mike Cooke, 8208 NW 100th Street. He stated in addition to the information that Mr. Brown just shared concerning this intersection, the property just on the west side of Harvest Hills Boulevard from NW Expressway to the first row of homes, Dub Richardson Toyota has proposed purchasing that land and relocating their car dealership from where it is currently located to that location. He stated should they confirm that and go ahead and make that move, they have chosen to deed over to the neighborhood association a portion at the back end of that property to be a small park for the addition. He pointed out on the overhead where the park would be located. He stated that is where they are proposing to have the stop sign installed. He stated if the park goes through the amount of foot traffic will grow considerably.

Mr. Cooke stated another thing he would like to point out is as Mr. Brown mentioned, it is on a grade going downhill into the neighborhood. He stated he rides his bicycle often and there are many times when he is going 20-25 mph going down that hill with a good south wind and he has cars flying by him. He stated it is a very dangerous area and he is almost tempted to call the police department to get people to slow down. He stated since he is the president he isn't going to make a lot of friends passing out tickets to the residents, but he is most concerned about the safety of the people in the neighborhood.

He stated the children and everyone else who comes in and out of the neighborhood are very important and he would ask that the Commission could put the stop sign in there.

Chairman Harrell acknowledges that Commissioner Tow and Commissioner Freeman have arrived.

Commissioner Tow asked if they had a neighborhood association and has there been a complete study done in this neighborhood.

Mr. Cooke stated yes there is a neighborhood association and he is the president and asked Commissioner Tow if he could define complete study.

Commissioner Tow stated they don't want to go in and piece mill something. He stated if they haven't done a neighborhood study, he would like him to get with Mr. Chandra. Commissioner Tow asked Mr. Chandra if he knows if they have done a neighborhood study.

Mr. Chandra stated yes. They did one five or six years ago, so there is a need for an update on that.

Commissioner Tow stated he understands what Mr. Cooke is saying, but what he would hate to do is go in and piece mill something and six months later they come back. Commissioner Tow stated he would like to go in and do the whole neighborhood study and do it right the first time. Commissioner Tow asked if that would be acceptable to the neighborhood. He stated defer it for possibly 60 days and they do a complete study. He stated he doesn't want to piece mill something and he is sure as a neighborhood would want to piece mill something.

Mr. Cooke stated the one comment he would make in regards to a study for Harvest Hills Boulevard, that was done several years ago and each one of the side streets that feed into Harvest Hills Boulevard they added stop signs to each one of those several years ago. He stated the only stop sign on Harvest Hills Boulevard from Council Road all the way to Northwest Expressway is at the grade school. He stated all the other side streets that feed into that have stop signs today.

Commissioner Tow asked if he would object to a neighborhood study.

Mr. Cooke stated no he would not object.

Henry Brown stated he lives on the southeast corner of this intersection and he has lived there since 1978. He stated he is very familiar with the neighborhood and the study they did about four years ago. He stated he worked with Viren

Chandra during that study. He stated they did have a complete study and they put up a number of stop signs. He stated they also put a number of "No Parking" signs on 104th and Harvest Hills Boulevard coming off the Northwest Highway to this intersection. He stated at that time it wasn't included in the study, about a stop sign at this intersection that is being requested today, but he imagines Mr. Chandra could make comment about that intersection because he personally knows that he was out there. He stated a complete study was made about four years ago.

Commissioner Tow asked if he felt they should upgrade and do another neighborhood study at this time. He asked if the neighborhood has grown that much.

Mr. Brown stated no there has been no growth in the neighborhood. He stated another study would be useless because a complete full study was done four years ago from both entries into the addition. This entry off the Northwest Expressway on Harvest Hills Boulevard and 104th off of Council Road and much was done at that time concerning these stop signs and these no parking signs. He stated this is something that has certainly been brought to his attention in the last two to three years about the traffic coming off of the Northwest Expressway, in particular because of three children who live across the street right in this intersection. He stated this is only a one block street running east and west and runs for the east side of Harvest Hills Boulevard. He stated like he mentioned earlier if you're on 98th Street and going west to Harvest Hills Boulevard, you would run right into the driveway that he has referred to that is an upcline and has three little boys that plays and he has seen them go into the road. He stated he knows everyone would say the mother should keep them in there, but what if the mother doesn't and they end up in the street. He stated besides that it would nice to slow the cars down a little bit at that intersection from 55 mph.

Commissioner Freeman stated to Mr. Brown as he understands it the only concern is with the traffic on Council Road at 104th and students and pedestrians getting across Council.

Mr. Brown stated that is the next item. This is the item above that on 98th Street and Harvest Hills Boulevard for an individual stop sign going northbound on Harvest Hills Boulevard. He stated this is for one stop sign to be mounted in his yard. He stated there shouldn't be anybody opposing it because it would go in his yard if they elect to put the sign up and he asked if they would elect to put the sign up.

Commissioner Nix stated he has a question. He stated at the time the traffic study was done was this street there, and if so why was this particular area overlooked.

Mr. Brown stated he personally didn't request it at that time, but maybe Mr. Chandra could tell him if that was considered at that time.

Mr. Chandra stated at that time the street was there, but the traffic counts did not warrant a stop sign.

Mr. Brown stated the reason is he so familiar with this is because he was the neighborhood association president at the time the study was done, and he was very much involved in it at that time. He stated he would have to admit it was an oversight on his part not to see that it was included at that time.

Commissioner Tow stated he understands what is going on here and he understands safety first, but he would hate to say okay we're going to okay this today and then two months later they overlook something and then they're back down here. Commissioner Tow asked if they would object to putting this on a 60 day deferral until they can really do a complete study this time and get with Mr. Chandra.

Mr. Cooke stated their preference would be for them to vote today because the study was done before and he doesn't think that spending any more resources of the City doing an additional study would indicate that they need to include any additional stop signs for traffic flow within their neighborhood. He stated the next item they're going to discuss is the one on Council Road. He stated he has plenty of comments on that after Dr. Caine is finished in regards to the grade school. He stated as far as the neighborhood itself that is the only request that they have had, and again he thinks that is the only thing that was overlooked from the study which was done four years ago.

- MOTION by Commissioner Tow and SECOND by Commissioner Freeman to APPROVE Item VI.D. MOTION was APPROVED by the following votes: Ayes, Commissioners Tow, Burja, Miller, Harrell, Nix, Pilate, Freeman and Clayton.
- MOTION CARRIES.

Commissioner Miller states he would like to eliminate the responsibility of Mr. Cooke and requests Selective Enforcement in that area. He stated it looks like the north/south traffic is exceeding the speed limit by 10 mph in the 85th percentile and that is not acceptable.

- E. Dr. Ann Caine, Principal, Harvest Hills Elementary School, 8201 NW 104th Street, 73162. (Ward 1)
Consider the installation of interim three-way stop signs at the intersection of Council Road and NW 104th Street.

Ms. Dees stated the City is in the process of hiring an engineer for the purpose of preparing plans. Staff recommends denial.

Dr. Ann Caine, 7326 NW 107th Street. She stated she wants to thank the Commission for allowing her to speak. She stated two years ago they approved a stop light to go in at that intersection, and at that time a teacher who represented the school was told that it would be far down on the list because stop lights are \$75,000 each. She stated since then she knows that the MUTCD guidelines allow for an interim three-way stop. She stated she also knows that last year when they asked about that it was denied because it would cause a traffic flow problem on Council Road. She stated she is asking today that they talk to the Transportation Department and ask them to move the stop light further up on the installation list. She stated at the end of the day she is out there across from her school directing traffic from their parking lot out onto 104th and twice last week she had to stop the cars from exiting her parking lot to get onto 104th because they were backed up from Council Road all the way to her school which is five blocks. She stated she had to wait until they pulled out onto Council Road and get that line going, otherwise they wouldn't be able to get out of the parking lot. She stated she also knows, after talking to one of her patrons in the morning trying to pull out during rush hour traffic, he sat in a line for over five minutes with 17 cars waiting to pull out onto Council Road. She stated she would just ask that the Commission gives serious consideration to her first priority which is to jump start the installation of the stop light, but her second preference would be a three-way stop, so that not only can their cars enter and exit at 104th Street and Council Road, but that the 14 students who cross Council Road before and after school hours can do so safely without a crossing guard. She stated sometimes the children at North Haven Neighborhood east of Council Road cross back over Council Road to play on their playground. She stated they put a \$50,000 piece of equipment in last year and everybody loves to be there, but they're home by themselves and don't have anybody to bring them back to the school to play after hours so instead they're crossing through the drainage ditch that goes underneath Council Road and that is not a safe place for children.

Ms. Dees stated the signal has been moved up and they're in the process of hiring an engineer to design the traffic signal. Ms. Dees stated this has been denied once for a multi-way stop sign and they recommend that it be denied again, but they have moved the signal up.

Commissioner Freeman asked Ms. Dees when the stop light would be installed because that is a dangerous intersection.

Ms. Dees stated it could be as early as six months.

Commissioner Freeman stated it is a dangerous intersection as Dr. Caine said.

Ms. Dees stated there has only been two accidents in the past 12 months and this would not be considered a high accident location. She stated two accidents in 12 months is fairly low in accident rates.

Dr. Caine stated when they called the Traffic Department about that they only had two recorded, but she knows of other parents who were hurt in accidents and were injured at that site and they had called the police but somehow their accidents aren't part of that City statistic.

Commissioner Nix stated they have about 20,118 vehicles on Council Road as opposed to about 2347 on eastbound. He asked what that is going to do to Council Road if they put stop signs up.

Ms. Dees stated it would back them up all the way to the major highway and that is why they recommend denial.

Commissioner Nix stated he would be opposed to it also.

- MOTION by Commissioner Tow and SECOND by Commissioner Pilate to DENY Item VI.E. with Selective Enforcement. MOTION was APPROVED by the following votes: Ayes, Commissioners Tow, Burja, Miller, Harrell, Nix, Pilate, Freeman and Clayton.
- MOTION CARRIES.

Mike Cooke, 8208 NW 100th Street. He stated he concurs with the decision to go ahead and deny that because he agrees that the stop signs would back up traffic and be a dangerous thing when cars are flying through there. He stated he is excited to know that the light may get put up in the next six months. He asked if there was someone he could speak with or work with in regards to a concrete median in the middle of that intersection and the neighborhood would really like to see a right turn and left turn coming out and a single street entrance.

Ms. Dees stated if he would like to call her after the meeting or tomorrow she would be glad to talk to him.

- F. Mark Grossman, Crowe & Dunlevy, Attorneys and Counselors at Law, 1800 Mid-America Tower, 20 North Broadway, 73102. (Ward 2)
Consider the installation of traffic control devices in the vicinity of Westminster School.

Ms. Dees reported they received a letter requesting changes in the parking around the school and the locations of the school zones. Staff recommends consideration.

Commissioner Burja stated he has had an opportunity to view this area and is quite familiar with it having lived nearby for several years. He stated he believes it needs to be straightened out and have one comprehensive plan for the area surrounding the school.

Commissioner Burja stated he does have some concerns about the way it is layed out. He stated there are several residences near the school which would be effected by the no parking because the way it is drawn the parking would interfere with the residential areas next to the school on the east side of 44th next to Lee Avenue. He refers to Item #1. He states there are 10 residences that are east of the school that would be effected if you made it no parking all the way to Walker Avenue.

Mark Grossman stated that was not the intent. He stated what they wanted was no parking directly in front of the school building itself, not in front of residences.

Commissioner Burja stated he questioned Item #3, e & f. He asked why they would need to extend it all the way to Western Avenue from Walker Avenue.

Mr. Grossman stated at present it does extend halfway from Francis Avenue to Western Avenue and what they were really seeking there is clarification because it's not clear from the way the signs are placed at present that it does extend that far. He stated they're not truly in favor of going all the way to Western Avenue, but they're not opposed to it either. He stated as he understands it right now it does go halfway down that block toward Western, it is just not clear from the existing signage and they wanted to make that clear from the existing signage.

Commissioner Burja asked Ms. Dees if there was a way to clarify what is out there, such as an end zone sign down the street.

Ms. Dees stated most of the schools have an end zone sign. She stated they have requested to extend it to make it more of a squared area is the way she understood it when talking to the residents.

Commissioner Burja stated the end zones are normally for a flashing school zone and if he is not mistaken they have a "When Children are Present" sign and that's kind of a part time sign and doesn't always have an end zone when you exit the zone. He asked Ms. Dees if that is correct.

Ms. Dees stated "When Children are Present" signs are installed on streets where the speed limits are 25 mph or lower and the flasher or the timed ones go on any streets that are 30 mph or greater. She stated there could be a lot of them without an end zone when it says "When Children are Present" because you're still in a 25 mph zone.

Chairman Harrell asks if any of the Commissioners have any more questions.

Mr. Grossman stated he would like to make a comment about Commissioner Burja's statement about a comprehensive plan as well as Commissioner Tow's earlier remarks about the needs for comprehensive plans. He stated this was part of a plan that was developed with a private traffic engineering consultant and in consultation with the neighborhood. He stated there were several other items that were unfortunately left off of this list that will be included on the October docket. He stated he certainly didn't want to approach this in a piece mill fashion. He stated they have worked a couple of years with a traffic engineering consultant and with the neighbors in the area to come up with this plan so they do feel it is comprehensive.

Commissioner Burja stated to Mr. Grossman that he mentioned another item coming up on next month's docket for this same area.

Mr. Grossman stated yes, several items that are part of this entire plan.

Commissioner Burja asked Mr. Grossman if he would object to them deferring today's items until they see what he is coming up with next month.

Mr. Grossman stated he doesn't believe there is any objection to what is coming up next month and as he said it has the approval of the entire neighborhood. He stated they are anxious to get these signs up. He stated they attempted to get it on the August docket and that failed. He stated it was important for them to get these signs up because they started school at the end of August and they explained to all their patrons that these signs were going to be going up and they should start behaving as if these signs were in place because they would be

going up soon. He stated they would like to see the signs go up as soon as possible.

Commissioner Nix asked Mr. Grossman why they're doing one now and one next month, why not have them all together at the same time.

Ms. Dees stated he submitted his letter and his application. She stated they read his letter and took this request off of that and it wasn't until today he pointed out that his applications were for different items which were not addressed in his letter. She stated they missed the fact that his petitions were not part of the letter, so part of that was Traffic Management's fault.

Commissioner Burja asked Mr. Grossman what kind of items they were bringing up next month.

Mr. Grossman stated there are several other no parking areas that they want to create. He stated basically this is built around the new car pool route that they instituted at the request of neighbors and it's for no parking during the car pool times on specific streets at the intersection of 43rd and Shartel. He stated presently there are no parking signs on one side of Shartel and one side of 43rd. He stated they want to make sure that there is no congestion at that intersection due to car pool and they want to make sure that parking is restricted. He stated they also asked for a stop sign at the intersection of 45th and Lee, which is another intersection through which car pool cars presently travel. He stated to prevent people from using the old car pool route they are requesting a sign at 43rd and Lee saying basically "car pool cars don't come from the east along 43rd Street, go back around to the intersection of 43rd and Shartel". He stated during the first week of school they put up their own sign. He stated they had off-duty police officers at that intersection directing people away from there. He stated they put up a sign of their own reminding folks in that first couple of weeks not to go there. He stated they want a permanent sign there to remind everybody not to come from that direction.

Commissioner Burja asked Chairman Harrell if there is anyone else to speak on this item.

Connie Mungle, 621 NW 42nd Street. She stated they have worked long and hard with the school to try to come to some agreements and she stated if they don't approve this today she would like to have some policemen out because she thinks their enrollment is like 575 and that is a lot of cars in a residential neighborhood and they're going fast. She stated she has almost been run over a couple of times. She stated she knows the speed limit is 25 mph on residential streets, but she doesn't think it's posted anywhere and they're going fast.

She stated if this doesn't get approved she would like to request officers to come out and slow the cars down as they go through her neighborhood.

Commissioner Freeman asked what items on the agenda today would slow the people down which Ms. Mungle is complaining about.

Ms. Mungle stated she thinks having it marked school zone, because a lot of children use 42nd Street to cut down Lee Avenue to get to the school. She stated she has children and there are a lot of children on her block and she thinks even over to Western Avenue, since it's a private school, they're coming in off of I-44 and coming from Western Avenue. She stated to make it safe in the neighborhood for the children that are going to Horace Mann she thinks it would be beneficial to have that go all the way to Western Avenue because motorists are going fast.

- MOTION by Commissioner Burja and SECOND by Commissioner Tow to DEFER Item VI.F. for 30 days with Special Enforcement. MOTION was APPROVED by the following votes: Ayes, Commissioners Tow, Burja, Miller, Harrell, Nix, Pilate, Freeman and Clayton.
- MOTION CARRIES.

Ms. Mungle stated she would hope the traffic officers would be there during the week. She stated they have requested officers in the past and they're there during the weekend when they don't really have traffic in the neighborhood. She stated it's during the week that they really need that.

Commissioner Freeman asked if there is one street that is worse than others.

Ms. Mungle stated no, she thinks they're coming in from all different directions. She stated she lives on 42nd which isn't the car pool route but her street is cut through when they're late. She stated they're coming in south from Walker, some from Western, so she really doesn't know which would be worse or which would need it more.

- G. Joan Hansen, 3746 NW 19th Street, 73107. (Ward 3)
Consider lowering the speed limit on NW 19th Street from Portland Avenue to Meridian Avenue, from 30 mph to 25 mph.

Ms. Dees reported the speed study did not support lowering the speed limit. Staff does not recommend approval.

Commissioner Miller asked if there was anyone there to speak on this item.

- MOTION by Commissioner Miller and SECOND by Commissioner Freeman to DENY tem VI.G. MOTION was APPROVED by the following votes: Ayes, Commissioners Tow, Burja, Miller, Harrell, Nix, Pilate, Freeman and Clayton.
- MOTION CARRIES.

H. Lisa Long, 10100 Fairfax, Yukon, 73099. (Ward 3)
Consider the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of the Kilpatrick Turnpike and SW 15th Street.

Ms. Dees reported this location meets warrants #2 and #3 of the 2000 MUTCD. Staff recommends consideration.

Chairman Harrell asks if there is anyone there to speak on this item.

- MOTION by Commissioner Miller and SECOND by Commissioner Freeman to APPROVE tem VI.H. MOTION was APPROVED by the following votes: Ayes, Commissioners Tow, Burja, Miller, Harrell, Nix, Pilate, Freeman and Clayton.
- MOTION CARRIES.

I. Cliff Bradley, 1218 NW 8th Street, 73106. (Ward 6)
Consider the installation of "No Parking, 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Thursday Only" on NW 8th Street between Ellison Avenue and Klein Avenue in front of 1214 through 1230 NW 8th Street, south side.

Ms. Dees reported that Mr. Bradley called this morning and he had only requested this because they were having trouble with the trash pickup. The City has changed the time that they're picking up the trash and he no longer has a problem and he would like this pulled.

- MOTION by Commissioner Pilate and SECOND by Commissioner Clayton to DENY Item VI.I. MOTION was APPROVED by the following votes: Ayes, Commissioners Tow, Burja, Miller, Harrell, Nix, Pilate, Freeman and Clayton.
- MOTION CARRIES.

- J. Violet Longacre, Parkview Village Apartments, 2211 S. Kentucky Place, 73108. (Ward 6)
Consider the installation of "No Parking Anytime" signs in the 2200 block of S. Kentucky Place, both sides, on each side of the trash dumpsters.

Ms. Dees reported this item was deferred from last month's meeting because there were several locations for dumpsters. Staff recommends approval. Ms. Dees stated Commissioner Gonzales recommends approval.

Violet Longacre, 2211 S. Kentucky Place, Oklahoma City. She stated she is there to speak in favor of this, but since everyone has reviewed it and are recommending that they follow the plans of the "No Parking" signs she doesn't have anything else to say about the issue.

- MOTION by Commissioner Miller and SECOND by Commissioners Pilate and Clayton to APPROVE Item VI.J. MOTION was APPROVED by the following votes: Ayes, Commissioners Tow, Burja, Miller, Harrell, Nix, Pilate, Freeman and Clayton.
- MOTION CARRIES.

- K. Roger Williams, President, Oaks Homeowners Association, 1925 Oaks Way, Edmond, 73131. (Ward 7)
Consider reducing the speed limit on Eastern Avenue between Memorial Road and NE 122nd Street, from 50 mph to 40 mph.

Ms. Dees reported attached was a letter from the applicant where he requested a speed change. The applicant was concerned with the area between the Kilpatrick Turnpike and Memorial Road. Staff extended the limits to NE 122nd Street. Staff recommends consideration.

Roger Williams, 1925 Oaks Way, Edmond. He stated he submitted a letter in August and at that time they were considering a traffic signal at that intersection.

He stated the association did not favor that and he listed the reasons, but they did want to propose a reduction in the speed limit along that stretch of Eastern Avenue. He stated previously they had been on the docket with Commissioner Johnson and he has spoken to Commissioner Pilate about this also in regards to submitting some information at the time about supporting their request for speed reduction.

Commissioner Pilate stated this is a location where speed reduction is needed and she would also like to request the Police Department to monitor it long enough to get the motorists attention that the speed is reduced. She stated you come off of a little hill and you pick up speed from Kilpatrick and she moves that the speed limit be reduced from 50 mph to 40 mph.

- MOTION by Commissioner Pilate and SECOND by Commissioner Freeman to APPROVE Item VI.K. MOTION was APPROVED by the following votes: Ayes, Commissioners Tow, Burja, Miller, Harrell, Nix, Pilate, Freeman and Clayton.
- MOTION CARRIES.

- L. Ty Morrissey, President, The Association of Twin Oaks Additions, Inc.
P.O. Box 2138, Edmond, 73083. (Ward 8)
Consider the installation of stop signs at the following intersections:
1. Chestnut Oak Lane and NW 182nd Street, southbound, and;
 2. English Oak Lane and NW 182nd Street, southbound.

Ms. Dees reported these locations do not meet the minimum residential warrants for stop signs. Staff does not object to the installation of southbound controls to assign right-of-way. Staff recommends consideration.

Commissioner Freeman stated he could never find where this location was and he asked that when the maps are produced at least put some street that is recognizable on them so that they can find them. He stated to this day he has no idea where these streets are. He stated he has never heard of Griffin Drive (north/south), nor has he ever heard of Copper Creek Drive or Lead Lane, nor the streets that they talked about in this application. He stated since the staff didn't find the warrants existed for doing this he is going to move for denial.

- MOTION by Commissioner Freeman and SECOND by Commissioner Miller to DENY Item VI.L. MOTION was APPROVED by the following votes: Ayes, Commissioners Tow, Burja, Miller, Harrell, Nix, Pilate, Freeman and Clayton.
- MOTION CARRIES.

- M. Kathleen Nickel, Principal, Surrey Hills Elementary, Yukon Public Schools, 10700 N. Hastings Avenue, Yukon, 73099. (Ward 8)
Consider changing the existing "When Children are Present" school zone to "When Flashing" school zone on Hastings Avenue from Hefner Road to approximately 500 feet south of Hefner Road.

Ms. Dees reported the applicant is concerned with additional traffic from a newly developed neighborhood south of the school on Hastings Avenue. She stated Hastings Avenue is already posted 25 mph. The City normally does not install flashers on these streets. City Ordinance states "When Children are Present" signs are sufficient unless the speed limit is 30 mph or greater, and there is an existing "When Children are Present" sign. Staff recommends consideration.

Kathleen Nickel, 10640 NW 36th Place, Yukon. She stated when she received the proposal she noticed that there was an error in the direction. She passes out a map to clarify what she's asking for. She stated Surrey Hills sits on the corner of Hefner Road and Hastings Avenue and the school has existed since 1973. She stated they have flashers currently on Hefner Road on the east and west end. She stated the proposal that she was sent said that the existing sign "When Children are Present" is on the north end of the building not on the south as stated on her card. She stated there is a sign on the north end of Hastings Avenue and she supports 100% that the sign be changed to a flasher. She stated if you will look on the south end of Hastings Avenue they are now building a gym. She stated at one time that was a dead end, now they are putting in a 360 home addition called the Meadows. She stated it is now a thru street and has never been a thru street before. She stated her concern is with all the construction that they also need a flasher on the south end of the building. She says that because on Hastings Avenue is where the children are picked up when they get out of school. She stated she feels she is liable if there ever were any accidents and she hadn't come forward to ask for a flasher at both ends on Hastings Avenue. She stated she realizes the new addition at this time only has 25 homes built and only one of those is occupied, but they're expecting it to start filling up and she is also concerned with the amount of vehicles that the construction people have on a daily basis.

Commissioner Freeman stated he would like to comment on Ms. Nickel being liable if one of the children get hurt. He stated as a lawyer, and probably Commissioner Burja would agree with him, that would not subject her to personal liability. He stated he was out there on Friday and he couldn't tell if Hastings Avenue was a thru street on the east of the school or not, because when he was out there were a couple of cement trucks and some other major equipment in the street. He stated it looked like they were pouring a foundation on the north side, which was beyond where Ms. Nickel's construction is, down by a little creek. He stated he couldn't tell if that street went through or if it was a dead end.

Ms. Nickel stated it is now a thru street all the way on Hastings Avenue and this is the first time it has been open since 1973.

Commissioner Freeman stated there is a stop sign on Hastings Avenue on both sides of Hefner Road and a flashing light on Hefner Road, which would be on the west side of the school. He stated he made a note that Hastings Avenue appeared to be a dead end but was incorrect about that.

Ms. Nickel stated yes, Hastings Avenue goes all the way through and this is the only north exit that these houses have out into Surrey Hills. The only north exit is through this street.

Ms. Dees stated the City Ordinance says that they install "When Children are Present" on streets that are already posted 25 mph or less and anything that is 30 mph or greater is when they use the "When Flashing" sign.

Ms. Nickel stated she is proposing on the south end of Hastings Avenue that a sign "When Children are Present" or a flasher be put in. She stated the only sign they have on Hastings Avenue is 500 feet off of Hefner Road.

Commissioner Freeman stated in view of what Ms. Dees just said in regards for the requirements of a flashing sign, he moves that a "When Children are Present" sign be installed at that location.

Ms. Nickel stated she would be pleased with that because she has nothing right now.

- MOTION by Commissioner Freeman and SECOND by Commissioner Pilate to DENY Item VI.M. and install "When Children are Present" signs. MOTION was APPROVED by the following votes: Ayes, Commissioners Tow, Burja, Miller, Harrell, Nix, Pilate, Freeman and Clayton.
- MOTION CARRIES.

N. Betty Raines, 12201 Royal Coach Drive, Yukon, 73099. (Ward 8)
Consider lowering the speed limit on NW Expressway from the Kilpatrick Turnpike and Piedmont Road, from 65 mph to 55 mph.

Ms. Dees reported the speed limit of this portion of the Northwest Expressway was raised at ODOT's request within the past year. ODOT posted the speed limit along the Northwest Expressway and the City will work with ODOT on a roadway such as this one. Staff recommends consideration.

Betty Raines, 12201 Royal Coach Drive, Yukon. She stated they are here to see about getting a speed reduction on Northwest Expressway. She stated they did get their signal light, but they understand it will take a while and they need the traffic to be reduced and they need enforcement. She stated when they moved out there seven years ago they were usually all by themselves on the highway, and now it's almost bumper to bumper. She stated she and her husband attempted to try the 55 mph from their house and people passed them at probably 80 mph and they all ended up at the same place at the same time waiting for the light on the Kilpatrick. She stated there are businesses feeding into that. She stated there are actually 13 entrances and exits on that section of the road and they would really like the 55 mph.

Commissioner Freeman stated he was out there on Friday and he has driven it many times. He stated he can see a need from the turnpike to Mustang Road, but there is very little between Mustang Road and Piedmont Road and so his motion is going to be to reduce the speed with the concurrence of ODOT of course, which is required on that stretch from the Kilpatrick Turnpike to Mustang Road, and deny the request for the reduction from Mustang Road on west to Piedmont Road.

Ms. Raines stated any kind of reduction would be fine and then if it was enforced.

Commissioner Nix asked Commissioner Freeman if his motion stated ODOT had to approve also.

Commissioner Freeman stated subject to their concurrence.

- MOTION by Commissioner Freeman and SECOND by Commissioner Nix to APPROVE Item VI.N. MOTION was APPROVED by the following votes: Ayes, Commissioners Tow, Burja, Miller, Harrell, Nix, Pilate, Freeman and Clayton.
- MOTION CARRIES.

VII. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

VIII. REPORTS FROM TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION COMMITTEES

Commissioner Tow has no report.

Commissioner Burja has no report.

Commissioner Miller has no report.

Commissioner Clayton has no report.

Commissioner Nix has no report.

Commissioner Pilate has no report.

Commissioner Freeman states he is just glad to be there.

VI. 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, Pilate and Clayton.
- MOTION CARRIES.