

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA

CITY OF LAKE JACKSON

BE IT KNOWN that the Traffic Commission of the City of Lake Jackson met on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 6:30 P.M. in regular session at 25 Oak Drive, Lake Jackson, Texas, in City Hall Council Chambers with the following in attendance:

Shannon Biar, Chair
Michael Cloeter, Vice-Chair
Travis Pate
Kyle Willson
Ravi Singhanian

Modesto Mundo, City Manager
Anamaria Acuña, Asst. City Secretary
Cindy DeWitt, PW Superintendent
Lt. James Cromeenes, LJP
Oscar Mendoza, LJP
Nick Ross, LJP
Joseph Gadbois, LJP

ABSENT:
Doug Smith
Jessica Rogers, Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Biar led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 14, 2025

Mr. Pate motioned to approve the November minutes as presented, Mr. Cloeter seconded with all present members voting “aye,” the minutes were approved.

VISITORS’ COMMENTS

There were no visitor comments.

DISCUSS & CONSIDER ADDING ADDITIONAL SIGNAGE ON THE STOP SIGNS AT THE INTERSECTION OF NASTURTIUM AND ASH LANE – KYLE WILLSON

Mr. Willson presented his concerns regarding the intersection at Nasturtium and Ash Lane. He described it as a two-way stop set amidst a heavily traveled route, especially during school hours. He witnessed multiple near misses, including an accident that occurred on January 2nd with a car collision occurring right outside his house.

Mr. Willson stated that currently there are no indicator for drivers on Ash Lane signaling the cross traffic is not inclined to stop. He also noted that there are a few obstructions at the intersection including a large tree and bush. This prevents adequate visibility and makes it challenging for drivers coming from the east. He emphasized that, unlike surrounding intersections equipped as four-way stops, this specific two-way stop notably lacks proper signage. He thinks this is what amplifies driver confusion and jeopardizes safety.

Mr. Pate and Mr. Biar discussed the surroundings of the intersection, especially its proximity to

a school, which amplifies traffic during school drop-off and pick-up times. Mr. Pate advocated for the installation of signage to clearly indicate the “two-way stop” status. Mr. Willson stated he wants some type of signage warning drivers that opposing traffic does not halt.

Mr. Cloeter suggested substituting stop signs for yield signs or installing additional stop signs.

Mr. Biar suggested adding signage at Nasturtium and Ash Lane and asked if a traffic study would need to be made before adding a stop sign.

After reviewing the neighboring intersections, Mr. Biar asked how long ago the 4-way stop sign was added to the intersection of Cypress and Gardenia. Mr. Mundo stated that it was about 6-8 years ago.

Mr. Biar asked if staff could provide some history on when and how Cypress and Gardenia had the stop signs added along with a traffic study on Nasturtium and Ash Lane.

Lt. Cromeenes stated that the stop signs were added to Cypress and Gardenia when staff noticed an increase in traffic when they shut down Magnolia. He also noted that there was a traffic study along with a survey of the neighbors.

Mr. Biar agreed with Mr. Pate in not adding additional stop signs. The commission collectively agreed on additional signage would suffice to heighten safety levels without necessitating more extensive changes. Mr. Mundo reminded them of their stop sign policy.

Mr. Willson agreed with Mr. Pate’s suggestion of standard signage improvements over adding or changing the stop signs. He did not think it was necessary to add additional stop signs onto his street.

Staff reminded the commission that adding stop signs would also require city council approval. Ms. DeWitt commented that they would also need a traffic study to look at the volume.

Mr. Biar motioned to add signage alerting that the “cross traffic will not stop” on Nasturtium and Ash Lane. Mr. Cloeter seconded.

Before calling for a vote, Mr. Cloeter added to the discussion suggesting to “request staff provide a list of intersections of 2-way for the traffic commission to review” to Mr. Biar’s motion. Mr. Pate questioned what the purpose of the list would be for and stated that citizens should submit their own request if they had concerns and did not agree that the commission should create extra work for staff. Mr. Willson stated that the sign doesn’t need to be a separate yellow sign and agreed to use the “2-way stop” as it is more common.

Mr. Biar amended his motion to add “2-WAY STOP” signage to the stop signs, with Mr. Cloeter seconding and all present members voting “aye,” the amended motion passed.

DISCUSS & CONSIDER IMPLEMENTING FLASHING YELLOW LIGHTS FOR UNPROTECTED LEFT TURNS AT CIRCLE WAY AND OAK DRIVE – JOSEPH HAM

Ms. Acuña notified Mr. Biar that Mr. Ham was not going to attend tonight's meeting due to work obligations. She stated they could table it for when he is present or discuss it. The commission agreed to discuss the item.

Mr. Cloeter stated he had brought the discussion of flashing yellows before. He was advised previously that it was due to the cost. The commission asked for the limitations or concerns as to why the city has not tried to incorporate throughout the city. Mr. Mundo explained that the Circle Way and Oak Drive intersection was previously set up as a test case for this type of light system, but expanding the flashing yellow turn signals throughout the city had never gained enough support from previous commissions or the city council to move forward on a larger scale.

Mr. Singhanian noted that the system works well at the test location but questioned the logic of requiring more attention for left turns versus flashing yellows for straight traffic.

Mr. Mundo mentioned that the city has received a federal SS4 grant for a traffic safety plan that will be developed with a consultant over the next year. He suggested that implementing flashing yellow left turn signals throughout major corridors could be included in the scope of this study, which would also help determine appropriate locations and associated costs. The grant has a 75/25 cost match structure.

No formal action was taken on this matter, as it was determined it should be considered as part of the broader traffic safety plan study for the SS4 grant.

The commission asked for previous minutes on the flashing yellows for Oyster Creek Drive. Mr. Mundo also stated he would verify the scope guidelines and confirm if it is indeed a 75/25 cost match.

DISCUSS & CONSIDER INCREASING THE SPEED LIMIT THROUGHOUT OYSTER CREEK DRIVE TO 40-MPH – JOSEPH HAM

Mr. Ham was not present, but the commission briefly discussed the item.

The general consensus was that they were not in favor of increasing the speed limit but took no action as they wanted to wait to discuss this with him.

The item was tabled by Mr. Biar.

STAFF UPDATES:

Reducing speed limit in the Sleepy Hollow Subdivision – Cindy DeWitt

Ms. DeWitt reported that their recommendation for the speed limit reduction in the Sleepy Hollow Subdivision was going to City Council for its second and final reading on January 20th.

Mr. Mundo shared data from speed study conducted from December 31st to January 6th. At 30 mph, there were 56 violators, but at the new 25 mph limit, there would be 400 violators. He noted that many drivers travel between 25-30 mph in the area.

The commission agreed that additional signage and temporary flags might be necessary to help drivers adjust to the new speed limit, and that traffic enforcement should be delayed until residents become accustomed to the change.

Update on Traffic light camera systems – Cindy DeWitt

Ms. DeWitt reported that the city had budgeted for two traffic cameras but would be able to purchase three. She explained that the original plan was to install traffic cameras along Oyster Creek Drive to better control traffic flow by allowing the lights to communicate with each other.

Ms. DeWitt noted that six traffic cameras are currently installed throughout the city, with future installations planned for several locations on Oyster Creek Drive, including Circle Way, This Way, and Dixie.

Mr. Cloeter stated the traffic lights on Sandalwood is messed up. She mentioned that the camera at Sandalwood was currently broken due to loop wires coming out of the pavement, but repairs were forthcoming.

For future camera installations after Oyster Creek Drive is completed, DeWitt indicated they were considering locations at Lake Road and Oak (by the post office) and Jackson and Oak, as these intersections have become busier.

The commission approved of the recommended installation at the intersections Ms. DeWitt suggested.

ACCIDENT REPORTS

Lt. Cromeenes reported that there were no fatality accidents in November or December. He stated that December had 57 total accidents, which was one less than the previous year. November had 54 accidents, which was significantly less than the 75 accidents recorded in the previous year.

ADJOURNMENT

Before adjourning, Mr. Mundo informed the commission that in about 4-5 weeks, there would be significant traffic disruption on Oyster Creek Drive for approximately 2 weeks near the intersection of Moss and Portulaca.

The work would involve redoing drainage crossings, reducing traffic to two lanes on the south side for seven weeks, followed by switching to the north side. Moss and Portulaca would be closed during this time, requiring traffic to reroute.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

These minutes read and approved this ____ day of _____ 2026.

Shannon Biar, Chair

Jessica Rogers, Secretary