

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, August 9, 2022, at 6:30 P.M. for regular session at 25 Oak Drive, Lake Jackson, Texas, in City Hall Council Chambers with the following in attendance:

Michael Cloeter, Chair  
Doug Smith, Vice-Chair  
Jessica Rogers  
Ravi Singhania  
Nicholle Wilson

Sabrina England, PW Director  
Anamaria Acuña, Asst. City Secretary  
James Cromeenes, LJP  
Matt Broaddus, Council Liaison

ABSENT:

Shannon Biar, Secretary  
John Leidig

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Cloeter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SWEAR IN MEMBERS

Ms. Acuña administered the oath of office to: Michael Cloeter, Jessica Rogers, Ravi Singhania and Nicholle Wilson.

REORGANIZE BOARD

Mr. Broaddus entertained a motion to nominate a chair.

On motion by Mr. Smith second by Mr. Singhania with all present members voting “aye, Mr. Cloeter was voted in as chair.

Mr. Cloeter appointed Mr. Smith as vice-chair and Mr. Biar as secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 10, 2022

On motion by Mr. Smith seconded by Mr. Singhania with all present members voting “aye,” the May minutes were approved.

VISITORS’ COMMENTS

No visitors were present.

Mr. Cloeter explained to the new members that during this portion of the meeting visitors can address a concern that is not on the agenda. However, the commissioners are not allowed to discuss. This gives an opportunity to be added to a future agenda if needed.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES NEAR 100 BLOCK OF BASSWOOD – JOHNNY ANDRADE

Ms. England introduced herself to the new traffic commissioners and shared that she is the Director of

Public Works. Because Mr. Andrade was not present Ms. England shared that Mr. Andrade requested a stop sign or speed bumps installed as he reported excessive speeding on his street. Ms. England shared that they did conduct a traffic study but there were equipment issues. She does have some data and noted that none were actionable items. She recommended staff complete another month of traffic counts due to the equipment issues.

If the commission recommends another traffic study, she wouldn't be able to start the study until September as she is currently doing a traffic study for Any Way and all the units are tied up.

Mr. Cloeter asked if the information on the traffic study was accurate. Ms. England stated that it is, but the equipment only was able to get a little over two weeks' worth of information.

Lt. Cromeenes did a CAD search and shared that since 2012 there were 25 stops on that block.

- None were for speeding
- 24 were written warnings for either disregarding the stops and/ or equipment violations

Mr. Cloeter explained that one of their guidelines is it needs to meet the 85 percentiles for it to be an actionable item. Ms. England shared that her equipment is accurate, but she does need to have the equipment calibrated.

There was discussion about where on Basswood the traffic study was conducted. Ms. England shared that the traffic study is only in the area where the requester is stating the issue, which in this case was the 100 block of Basswood. Mr. Cloeter asked if there was a difference in the speed reading on the number of wheel axles.

Council Liaison Broaddus noted that there was a count of more than 24,000 vehicles. Mr. Cloeter stated that he does not think another sample is necessary.

Mr. Cloeter asked if the commissioners agreed or if they wanted another traffic study. Mr. Smith agreed that 24,000 vehicles was more than enough within the time frame.

Mr. Cloeter stated that with no further recommendations there were no actionable items. Mr. Cloeter requested that staff provide an update for Mr. Andrade on the decision.

#### DISCUSS AND CONSIDER TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES AT INTERSECTION ON JONQUIL STREET AND CYPRESS STREET – WARREN PRUESS

Ms. England shared that there was a request to add a stop sign at the intersection. She discussed how there is a law that states at T intersections you must yield to vehicles on the through road. Lt. Cromeenes shared the following with staff:

- Found accidents reported in 2015 and 2016.
- There have been three citations issued in 2016, 2019 and 2020.
- It has also been reported that the street is routinely worked as speeding is a primary issue.

Ms. England shared that staff does not have an issue with adding a stop sign.

Mr. Singhania noted that he thinks this is an ongoing issue for most T-intersections.

Mr. Smith asked which street had the speeding issue. Lt. Cromeenes shared that is primarily Cypress Street that has the speed issue as it is used as a cut through.

There was discussion of the location and surrounding buildings such as a nearby school and day care.

Mr. Cloeter summarized Mr. Pruess' main concern was a possible accident due to not stopping. He then recommended painting a white line/ stop bar and installing a stop sign.

On motion by Ms. Wilson seconded by Ms. Rogers with all present members voting "aye," the traffic commission recommended a stop sign and paint a stop bar at intersection on Jonquil and Cypress to be taken to city council for approval.

#### DISCUSS AND CONSIDER TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES AT THE 100 BLOCK OF FOREST OAKS LANE – TAYLER RAMIREZ

Mr. Ramirez was not present for the meeting.

Ms. England shared that Mr. Ramirez has concerns of excessive speeding on the 100 block of Forrest Oaks Lane. She shared that the requester's concern is speeding and wanted the traffic commission to investigate and recommend possible solutions. Ms. England shared that she does not have a speed study on the street as it was not requested.

Lt. Cromeenes shared the following:

- Since 2000 there have been 22 reported accidents
  - Most accidents are from parked vehicles being struck
  - Hit and runs
- 340 citations and warnings

There was discussion between the commission and staff regarding where Mr. Ramirez's house is located since his mailbox has been hit three times. Mr. Singhanian requested Ms. England to do a speed study on both the 100 block and the 400 block all commission agreed.

#### STAFF UPDATES

Ms. England has no recent updates from the Brazosport Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. England reminded everyone that school is starting soon, and all school speed limits will be in effect. The lights and crosswalks have been installed by Dahlia. Mr. Cloeter thanked Ms. England

#### ACCIDENT REPORTS – LT. CROMEENES

Lt. Cromeenes read over the May, June, and July accident reports.

Mr. Cloeter asked if there were any major concerns. Lt. Cromeenes shared that they have been equal across the board and there were no accidents that involved fatalities.

#### ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

- Mr. Smith shared that semi-trucks have caused curb damage and asked who is responsible for fixing the curbs. Ms. England stated that owners are.
- Mr. Singhanian asked for an update about people cutting thru the Civic Center parking lot. He asked

if we could install stop signs.

- Lt. Cromeenes stated that a stop sign would have to be approved by City Council and he advised it would probably not be suitable for a parking lot. He shared there are signs indicating PD parking, etc. but doesn't believe additional signs will prevent people from cutting through.
- Mr. Cloeter shared that the lights on Oak Drive / Circle Way, Plantation/ Dixie Dr. light are lagging.
  - Ms. England shared that there have been many lights reported but she will have the vendor investigate the issue again.
  - Ms. England stated the sensors are not set on a timer set but are triggered by motion sensors.
  - Mr. Singhanian asked if they will continue to use the same vendor even with the ongoing issue. Ms. England shared that if the issue continues, they will not. She also shared they're hold off on adding more pods until the issue is resolved.
- Mr. Cloeter asked when the next bond issue will be and asked if they could add synchronizing and updating lights.
  - Mr. Broaddus mentioned that they just did one in 2021.
- Mr. Singhanian shared there was a left turn light going into the mall from HWY 332 will trigger when nobody is there and has noticed it will cause traffic to back up.
  - Ms. England shared that TxDOT controls the light, but she will report it to them.
- Mr. Cloeter asked for an update on the light on Sandalwood near Kroger. He noticed there was a sign that said yield on green and asked if it was permanent.
  - Ms. England shared that the removal of the sign is permanent as the light repairs are too expensive.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m. These minutes read and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2022.

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Michael Cloeter, Chair

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Shannon Biar, Secretary