

**MEETING MINUTES
OF THE
TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION
June 14, 2021**

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The regular monthly meeting of the Traffic and Parking Commission was held at 3:00 p.m., on Monday, June 14, 2021 at the Metro Office Complex in the Sonny West Conference Room. The following were present unless noted otherwise:

Chairman John Green called the meeting of June 14, 2021 to order at 3:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES

COMMISSIONERS

John Green (chair), Feller Brown (absent) , Sara Lee Woods, Karen Robbins (absent), Pastor Marvin Neal (absent), Council Member Freddie O'Connell, Officer Michael Gilliland, Brandon Mason, Santiago Tefel

STAFF

Chip Knauf, Diane Marshall, Korby Bowden, Teresa Costonis, Jeff Hammond, Jon Boghozian

OTHERS

Rob Mortensen, Tom Turner, Dee Patel, J.T. Manor, Brady Cannon

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman John Green mentioned ordinance No. BL2006-1050 regarding the appeals process of the Traffic and Parking Commission.

"If you are not satisfied with a decision made by the Traffic & Parking Commission, you may appeal the decision by filing for a writ of certiorari with the Davidson County Chancery or Circuit Court. Your appeal must be filed within 60 days of the date of the entry of the Commission's decision. We advise that you seek your own independent legal advice to ensure that your appeal is filed in a timely manner and that all procedural requirements have been met."

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Sara Lee Woods moved for approval of the Agenda, seconded by Officer Michael Gilliland. Agenda was approved with no opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sara Lee Woods moved for approval of the May 10, 2021 minutes and seconded by Officer Michael Gilliland. Minutes were approved with no opposition.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION 21-06

- a) CD 24/25: Reduce speed limit on Estes Road from 35 mph to 30 mph from Woodlawn Drive to Woodmont Blvd. requested by CM Murphy, CM Pulley, CM Henderson
- b) CD:34: Reduce speed limit on Abbott Martin Rd from 35 mph to 30 mph from Hillsboro Pike to Estes Road requested by CM Pulley, CM Henderson
- c) CD 19: Authorize stop control on Decatur Street at Willow Street requested by resident
- d) CD 19: Authorize stop control on Willow Street at Stanley Street requested by resident
- e) CD 11: Authorize stop control Sweden Drive at Monaco Drive ; requested by resident
- f) CD 07: Authorize stop control Andrew Place at Sandy Drive ; requested by resident
- g) CD17: 2021M-007AB-001; A request for the abandonment of right-of-way along a portion of Hamilton Avenue starting at the CSX railroad and heading westward approximately 145 feet ; requested by Fulmer Lucas Engineering
- h) CD 20: Authorize stop control on 55th Avenue N at New York Avenue ; requested by resident

Sara Lee Woods moved for approval of the consent agenda and seconded by Officer Michael Gilliland. Consent agenda was approved with no opposition.

DEFERRED BUSINESS

Adoption of proposed valet fee policy; Jeff Hammond; Metro Public Works

Jeff Hammond made the presentation. The policy proposal was discussed with Commission in March 2021. The working committee beginning meeting in October 2020 and developed the policy that is being considered. The objective of the policy to clarify the code. According to code 12. 41.08C, which specifies that the fee is \$50.00 plus lost revenue. The committee looked at the importance of valet operations and the sustainability for business.

Jeff Hammond advised that the proposed regulation is based on the location and number of requested valet spaces. He also stated that we look at other cities when the fee was being reviewed. Lt. Gilliland stated that given the magnitude of some of the fess, maybe a graduated fee structure could be considered. He also asked how the funds will be utilized

and could the funds be utilized for enforcement. Mr. Hammond advised that the policy doesn't dictate where the funds can be used.

Teresa Costonis advised that according to code 11.907 all money collected by the commission from parking meters, or other service charges, shall be remitted to the metropolitan treasurer, who shall keep such moneys in a separate account earmarked for traffic and parking improvements. Teresa Costonis also advised all fees must be based on the cost of government to perform services and the administrative cost and maintenance of the public right of way.

Rob Mortensen, Tennessee Hospitality and Tourism Association, advised that they were hit hard by the drop in travel due to Covid and have not recovered. He stated these are challenging times for the hotel industry and a fee increase would add to the concerns.

Councilmember O'Connell asked when the rate change take effect. The proposed rate change date is January 2021. He also suggested that we look at the hotel vacancy rate for the implementation date.

Chip Knauf advised that the next meeting the Commission could recommend a date of implementation.

Tom Turner, Nashville Downtown Partnership , wants the staff to look of the effect of the downtown mobility plan and the smart loading zone plan to determine if the change should be made now as opposite to 6 months after the work is completed on these projects. He also mentions the occupancy report is low based on the volume of Sunday – Thursday. He suggested that we look at the most effective and efficient use of the public right of way.

Dee Patel, Hermitage Hotel, stated the hotel had been in business since 1910 and they depend on the valet operation.

Regarding the Hermitage Hotel, Mr. Hammond advised that they have 8 spaces and the data will be review since the current information is over 2 years old.

Commissioner Tefel stated the rate should be fair based on where the zone is located.

Councilmember O'Connell stated that the smart loading zone program and downtown traffic study is being looked at, but we cannot kick the can regarding valet fee and the timeframe for implementing. He also stated we need to do a better job of curb management.

J. T. Manor, Parking Management Company, questioned would speaking be allowed at the next meeting.

Commission Green advised comments at next month meeting will be welcomed.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Traffic and Parking Commission of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee as follows:

SECTION I: That Chapter 12 of said Metropolitan Code, said Chapter being entitled 'Vehicles and Traffic' is amended as follows:

SECTION II. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be published in a daily newspaper in Metropolitan Nashville/Davidson County, Tennessee, and that a certified copy be filed with the Chief of Police of the Metropolitan Police Department, and that a certified copy be filed with the Metropolitan clerk, and that said Resolution take effect five (5) days thereafter.

APPROVED: **June 14, 2021**

EFFECTIVE: June 19,2021

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, **Officer Michael Gilliland moved to adjourn. Sara Lee Woods seconded. All in favor with no opposition.** The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Approved on the 14th day of June 2021

Department of Public Works

Chairperson Traffic and Parking Commission