

**MEETING MINUTES
OF THE
TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION
July 12, 2021**

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The regular monthly meeting of the Traffic and Parking Commission was held at 3:00 p.m., on Monday, July 12, 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 July 12, 2021 to order at 3:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES

COMMISSIONERS

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

STAFF

Chip Knauf, Diane Marshall, Korby Bowden, Teresa Costonis, Jeff Hammond, Derek Hagerty

OTHERS

Council Member Angie Henderson, Council Member Tom Cash, Amy Blank, Betsy Smith, Lisa La Claire

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman 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

Commissioner Woods moved for approval of the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Tefel. Agenda was approved with no opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Woods moved for approval of the June 14, 2021 minutes and seconded by Commissioner Tefel. Minutes were approved with no opposition.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION 21-07

a) CD 21: Mandatory referral 2021M-008AB-001: A request for the abandonment of portion of right-of-way and easements along Booker Street, measuring approximately 10 feet by 113 feet along the south property line of property located at 745 22nd North Court, requested by Catalyst Design Group

b) CD 08 Mandatory referral 2021M-009AB-001: A request for the abandonment of right-of-way and easements on Baxter Street from Hart Lane to Home Road; requested by Public Works on behalf of Council Member Nancy VanReece, applicant.

c) CD 18: Mandatory referral 2021M-010AB-001: A request for the abandonment of right-of-way and easements on a portion of 14th Avenue South, from Wedgewood Avenue to Acklen Avenue, between 12th Avenue South and 15th Avenue South, and the abandonment of right-of-way and easements on a portion of Alley 393, from Alley 392 northward to dead end between 12th Avenue South and 14th Avenue South, requested by Catalyst Design Group.

d) CD 33: Authorize all way stop control at Claycreek Point and Cottage View Lane; requested by CM Lee

e) CD 06: Authorize the following parking conditions for the Davidson County Sheriff's Office: **all are change in records only**

- a. "Sherriff Parking Only" on south side of Jerry Newson Way, from S 5th street to 100' west of S 5th Street
- b. No parking anytime on south side of Jerry Newson Way, from S 5th Street to 100; west of S. 5th Street
- c. No parking anytime on north side of Jerry Newson Way from S 4th Street to S 5th Street
- d. No parking anytime on both sides of S. 5th Street from Shelby St. to Jerry Newson Way.

f) CD 19: Authorize the following conditions for the 5th and Broadway development; requested by 5th and Broadway

- a. "10 minute Rideshare Parking Only" on north side of Broadway 50' west of 5th Avenue N, 25' in length

b “10 minute Rideshare Parking Only” on south side of Commerce St 50’ west of 5th Avenue N, 25’ in length

g) CD 34: Authorize ‘No truck over 8 tons on Page Road from Harding Pike to Chickering Road: requested by CM Henderson

h) CD 19: Authorize ‘Bus Parking Only’ on east side of Rep. John Lewis Way, 50’ length from 325’ south of Gay St; requested by Flixbus

i) Authorize stop control at the following uncontrolled locations (requested by residents)

- a. CD 07 on Andrew Place at Sandy Drive
- b. CD 07 on Peerman at Tammany Drive
- c. CD 02 on Grover Street at Frances Street
- d. CD 02 on Center Street at Hadley’s Bend Blvd
- e. CD 02 on Gardner Lane at West Nocturne Drive
- f. CD 03 on Northwind Court at Northwind Drive
- g. CD 15 on Robbie Court at Kimberly Drive

Commissioner Green asked what is meaning of traffic uncontrolled locations. Chip Knauf advised that these are intersections with no stop sign.

Council Member O’ Connell requested that item h be removed from consent agenda seconded by Officer Gilliland

Commissioner Woods made a motion to approve consent agenda and it was seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Item H: CD-19 Authorize Bus Parking Only on east side of Rep. John Lewis Way, 50’ length from 325’ south of Gay St. requested by Fix Bus

Council Member O’ Connell had concerns about this as it relates to, We Go. Chip Knauf explained that this is going thru We Go. Council Member O’Connell made a motion for approval seconded by Officer Gilliland. Approved with no opposition.

New Business:

- A) CD 34: Reduce speed limit on Page Road, from Chickering Road to Belle Meade Blvd, from 35 mph to 25 mph.

Council Member Henderson spoke requesting that the Commission approve based on the width of the roadway and an unlighted street along Warner Park. There are also trees that line the asphalt on the roadway. The rest of the street is 25 mph.

- B) CD 25/34: Reduce speed limit on Estes Road from Harding Pike to Woodmont Blvd, from 35 mph to 30 mph requested by CM Henderson, CM Pulley

Council Member Henderson spoke requesting that the speed limit be reduced to 25 mph because the street narrow at Woodlawn also there is pedestrian traffic that should be considered.

Commissioner Woods made a motion for approval for item A. and B. and Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The motion was approved without opposition.

- C) CD17: Appeal staff denial for an all way stop at Grantland Avenue and Prentice Avenue; requested by CM Sledge
Amy Blank a citizen that lives at 2105 Grantland Avenue advised the commission that there are 2 residential complexes. There are several vehicles that use Grantland Av as a cut thru. There are small children and teen drivers in the neighbor and due to vehicles exceeding the speed limit it creates a very a dangerous situation. Betsy Smith that lives on Lindell Avenue stated she was involved in an accident at this location. Commissioner Green asked about traffic calming. Derek Hagerty advised no application has been received. Ms. Blank inquired about speed bumps. She stated that they have been requested before, but no action was taken. She also advised a neighbor of hers was involved in an accident. Commissioner Robbins asked about the speed limit. Derek advised that the speed limit is 25 mph. Council Member O'Connell advised the residents that the traffic calming program for application is open at this time thru July 31, 2021. Chip Knauf stated that we are required to go by federal guidelines when we review request for traffic control devices. Commissioner Woods recommend approval for all way stop seconded by Commissioner Tefel. The motion was approved with no opposition.
- D) CD 19: Appeal staff decision for an all way stop at Cheatham Place and Arthur Avenue, requested by CM O'Connell
Council Member O'Connell stated that Arthur Av is a cut thru to two neighborhoods. He noted that bike project was installed at this location, but it didn't affect the speeding. Commissioner Tefel made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Woods. The motion was approved with opposition.
- E) CD 19: Authorize valet zone on 6th Avenue N, 30' south of Union to 110' south of Union (80' length) requested by Hermitage Hotel , Change in records only
Council Member O'Connell requested verification of what change in record means. Chip Knauf advised that the current schedule does not show the exact measurement at this location. Council Member O'Connell made a motion for approval the motion was seconded by Officer Gilliland. The motion was approved with no opposition.

DEFERRED BUSINESS

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

Commissioner Green recognized Faye DiMassimo, Interim Director of Nashville Department of Transportation and Multimodal Infrastructure. Ms. DiMassimo mentioned at the next meeting of the Commission there would be a Nashville-Coord smart loading and unloading presentation. The current plan for the Coord pilot was for a 6-month period and the request would be to extend for an additional 6 months. This will all tie in t the downtown transportation plan and study, smart loading zones, and RFP for management of the 1,700 parking meters. The plan could be completed early in 2022, at that time we will have a complete curb side management plan. Commissioner Woods asked if the adoption of the valet fee for 3 to 6 months would affect the timing. Ms. DiMassimo said timing in some number of months will not be a problem. Council Member O'Connell asked if no action is taken would it impact the plan. Ms. DiMassimo advised action can be taken

now or later. Tom Turner, Nashville Downtown Partnership stated that the current revenue in the hotel industry is 60% of the numbers from 2019. Mr. Turner advised that the change could be burdensome at this time. He recommended a deferral. Lisa La Claire , Hilton Nashville Airport, advised that they are at 60% based on 2019 . She also stated it would be a difficult fee for members to accept. Mr. Hammond clarified the code 12.41 and added that the committee met starting in December 2019 to discuss a way to reach a fair policy. Commissioner Robbins asked for a breakdown on the impact on the valet companies. Mr. Hammond stated that, roughly, 10% would be \$30,000 or less, 55% would be \$5,000 or less and 25% less than \$1,000 and some locations could see zero change in the amount paid. Council Member O 'Connell offered that we need to take action effective as an advisory period effective 1/1/2022 and on 7/1/2022 the new rate would be implemented. Commissioner Woods made the motion to keep at \$50.00 current annual rate and the new policy rate would be effective as 7/1/2022 with the advisory period beginning 1/1/2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. The motion was approved with no opposition.

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: **July 12, 2021**

EFFECTIVE: July 17,2021

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, **Officer Michael Gilliland moved to adjourn. Commissioner Woods seconded. All in favor with no opposition.** The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Approved on the 12th day of July 2021

Department of Public Works

Chairperson Traffic and Parking Commission