

MEETING MINUTES
OF THE
TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION
MARCH 9, 2020

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The regular monthly meeting of the Traffic and Parking Commission was held at 3:00 p.m., on Monday, March 9, 2020 in the Sonny West Conference Center. The following were present unless noted otherwise:

Chairman John Green called the meeting of March 9, 2020 to order at 3:00 p.m.

Commission Members

John Green, Chairman
Betsy Williams - absent
Saralee Woods
Marvin Neal
Karen Robbins

Officer James Williams
Nora Kern
Freddie O'Connell, CM- absent
Feller Brown, Vice Chairman- absent

Staff Members

Chip Knauf, Traffic Engineer
Diane Marshall, Parking Administrator
Korby Bowden, Engineer Tech Senior

Teresa Costonis, Legal Advisor
Mary Peoples, Administrative Asst.

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

Commissioner Neal moved to approve the agenda and Commissioner Woods seconded the motion. All in favor, **no opposition.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Woods moved for **approval** of the February 10, 2020 minutes and Commissioner Kern seconded. **Approved with no opposition.**

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda 20-03 was presented and a motion was made by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to remove items (a) and (d) from the consent agenda. All in favor no opposition. The consent agenda was presented again, and motion was made by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Neal for **approval** of the Agenda and **approved with no opposition.**

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution 20-03

Parking Regulations

- a) **CD19:** Request to authorize a designated space for a pickup station for RTA. This request requires signage on 5 metered spots on the south side of West End at 21st Ave. S. to show no parking from 3:00 p.m. to 6 p.m.; requested by Vanderbilt Edu.

Representatives from WeGo Transit were present to speak regarding this item. They explained the problem at the current location causes backup on 21st Ave due to several buses waiting for pickup. They have worked with Vanderbilt Police to come up with a suitable solution. The new location will correct the backup by allowing for better traffic flow and clear the crosswalks for safety.

Motion was made by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Neal to defer. All in favor. The commissioners want to hear from Vanderbilt and Council Member O'Connell on this issue.

- b) **CD18:** Request to modify the parking from residential permit parking to permit parking only on Bernard Ave. from 15th to Belmont Ave.; requested by CM Cash

Traffic Regulations

- c) **CD06:** Authorize all way stop control at S. 11th St. and Dew St.; requested by CM Withers and resident

- d) **CD05:** Authorize all way stop control at Keeling Ave. and Elvira St.; requested by Michael Dewey Engineering

Devin Doyle, Metro Public Works, was present to speak. He explained the development plan for this location.

Motion was made by Commissioner Kern and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve. All in favor, no opposition.

- e) **CD11:** Authorize stop sign at Livingston St. and 8th St.; requested by CM Hagar and resident

- f) **CD05:** Modify speed limit from 30 mph to 25 mph on Seymour Ave.; requested by CM Parker

- g) **CD05:** Modify speed limit from 30 mph to 25 mph on Dozier Pl.; requested by CM Parker

- h) **CD31:** Authorize all way stop control at Barnes Cove Dr. and Alters Dr.; requested by CM John Rutherford

- i) **CD01:** Authorize all way stop control at Eatons Creek Rd and Old Clarksville Pk.; requested by resident

DEFERRED BUSINESS

1. **CD21:** Authorize a valet zone for the Graduate Hotel on 20th Avenue North; requested by Premier Parking

Motion was made by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Kern to defer. All in favor, no opposition.

2. **CD19: 2020M-003AB-001-** A request for the abandonment of right-of-way along a portion of alley #146, from Lafayette Street northwestward to Elm Street, between 4th Ave. South and 5th Ave. South (see sketch for details), easement rights to be retained.; Requested by Barge Design Solutions.

Charles Starks, Convention Center Authority of the Music City Center, was present to explain this request. He stated that this land will be used for a future MTA transit hub location. For now, the land will be used for temporary parking situations.

There was a question and answer session. After discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Kern and seconded by Commissioner Woods to disapprove the request. All in favor, no opposition.

APPEALS

1. **CD19:** Appeal for re-evaluation of existing one-hour parking time limit on the south side of Harrison St. between 3rd Ave. N. and Criddle St.; requested by resident

Tom and Lynn Fritz, business owners at this location, presented their appeal. They want three-hour parking limits after 6p.m. directly across from their businesses.

Chip Knauf, Metro Public Works, explained the current parking situation and parameters.

Michael Walker, business owner, spoke in favor of leaving the parking at one-hour limit. He stated that this law office had clients that need shorter time limits to conduct business.

Tom King, board member of District Lofts, stated that he feels enforcement will help with this situation.

Motion was made to defer by Commissioner Kern and seconded by Commissioner Woods. All in favor, no opposition.

2. **CD07:** Appeal denial of driveway application at 2913 Branch Ct.; requested by Brandon Rumbley

Devin Doyle, Metro Public Works, spoke regarding this. He explained the development plan for this location.

After discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Kern and seconded by Commissioner Woods to approve. The commissioners voted, 3 voted for and 2 voted against. Motion passed.

3. **CD19:** Appeal denial of all way stop control at Taylor St. and 3rd Ave. N.; requested by Britt Depriest

Mr. Britt Depriest was present to explain the request. He stated there is concern for the limited visibility on this street and feels the all way stop will help with vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

Motion was made by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Kern to approve. All in favor, no opposition.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review and discussion of current valet operations with outstanding balances

Diane Marshall, Metro Public Works, explained this situation and how it will be handled. She stated that the commission will be requested to make a recommendation on removing these valet locations if balances are not satisfied.

Jeff Hammond, Metro Public Works, was present and updated the commission on the valet study that was requested previously.

2. Discussion on downtown bikeways; Peter Bird, Metro Planning

This item was moved to next months meeting.

3. Updates from Nashville Downtown Partnership; Russell Payne

Mr. Payne gave an update on the Nashville Downtown Partnership recent activities regarding parking downtown. The ATT building was recently sold, and the parking situation has changed which is causing them to reevaluate.

4. CD19: Authorize removal of a valet zone at 1929 Broadway; requested by Trinity Parking

Diane Marshall, Metro Public Works, stated that there is no longer a valet operation at this location.

5. CD19: Authorize removal of the valet zone at 222 2nd Ave. S. in front of The Green Pheasant.; requested by Parking Management Co.

Michael Hayes, CB Ragland, requests approval to change this to a loading zone. It is no longer being used as a valet.

Motion was made by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Kern to approve. All in favor, no opposition.

6. CD21: Authorize removal of a valet zone at 2312 Elliston Pl. in front of Nama Sushi; requested by Parking Management Co.

Motion was made by Commissioner Kern and seconded by Commissioner Neal to approve. All in favor, no opposition.

7. CD19: Authorize removal of a valet zone at 1530 Division St. in front of Patterson House; requested by Parking Management Co.

Motion was made by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Kern to approve. All in favor, no opposition.

Traffic and Parking Commission Resolution No. 20-01 authorized by Chapter 9
Of the Charter of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson
County, Tennessee as amended

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: March 9, 2020

EFFECTIVE: March 9, 2020

The above-mentioned Resolution items were previously approved under the Consent Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Officer Williams moved to ***adjourn***, seconded by Commissioner Woods
and ***approved by voice vote with no opposition***. The meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Approved on the 9th day of March 2020.

Department of Public Works

Chairperson Traffic and Parking Commission