

MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION
September 10, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Traffic and Parking Commission was held at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, September 10, 2012, at the Sonny West Conference Center. The following were present unless noted otherwise:

Commission Members

Gene Ward, Chairperson
Richard Morin, Vice Chair
Feller Brown– Absent
Sgt. Denton, MPD
John Green

Council Member Frank Harrison
Breonus Mitchell Sr
Brenda Sanderson
Steven Turner

Staff Members

Korby Bowden, Engineering Tech II
Julie Herring, CNT
Theresa Costonis Legal Advisor

Chip Knauf, Traffic Engineer
Benny Word, Collier Engineering
Diane Marshall, Parking Administrator

Guests

Randy Lovett, Acting Director of Public Works
Council Member Robert Duvall, District 33
John Flannagan

Roseanne Hayes
Tom White
Tom Phillips

Chairperson Gene Ward called the meeting of September 10, 2012 to order at 3:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Gene Ward 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

Mr. Green moved for **approval** of the Agenda, seconded by Ms. Sanderson and **approved with no opposition**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes to be approved at October 2012 Meeting.

APPEALS

1. Request to appeal all way stop at Burwick Place and Waterford Way. Requested by Council Member Duvall, District 33.

Council Member Duvall stated that there are safety concerns at this intersection. He provided a petition to the commission.

Mr. Tom Phillips stated that he is a resident of the neighborhood and that there is a sight distance issue at the intersection and noted that a stop sign would help slow motorist down and make it safe for residents to turn off of Burwick PI.

Council Member Harrison motioned for **approval**, seconded by Mr. Morin and **approved with no opposition**.

New Business

1. **Proposal No. 2012M – 012AB – 001** – A request to abandon a portion of Music Circle E. 5' behind the sidewalk at the corner of Division Street, requested by Littlejohn Engineering Associates, applicant, LUI Nashville Roundabout, LLC.

Approved

2. **Proposal No. 2012M – 013AB – 001** – A request to abandon Johnstone Court (easements and utilities to be abandoned and relocated) from Hobbs Rd southwards to its terminus, requested by The Harpeth Hall School.

Approved

3. **Proposal No. 2012M – 014AB – 001** – A request to abandon a 5' x 121' portion of Wyoming Avenue (easements to be retained) adjacent to property located at 4100 Wyoming Avenue, requested by Dale & Associates, applicant, Woodland Street Partners, LLC.

Approved

4. A request to provide 50 Complimentary spaces at the Public Square Garage for the volunteers for the "You have the Power Organization" on September 29, 2012.

Ms. Marshall stated that according to the contract with the Nashville Downtown Partnership Section 8.H. no free parking or complimentary parking privileges shall be provided in the Parking Facilities but the regular charge shall be made to all persons, firms, corporations and organizations for the use of the parking spaces except as may be authorized by the Commission.

Ms. Marshall is requesting approval.

Mr. Turner motioned for approval, seconded by Ms. Sanderson and approved with no opposition.

5. **Sheraton Parking** – Modify existing 80' 15 minute passenger loading zone to be 40' in length on Union St. between 7th Ave N and Capitol Blvd and create 40' Valet zone for the Sheraton Hotel.

Mr. Tom White spoke on behalf of the Sheraton Hotel and stated that the hotel would like the ability to operate a valet zone while keeping a short term loading zone available.

Staff recommends approval.

Mr. Morin motioned for **approval**, seconded by Mr. Green and **approved with no opposition**.

6. Resolution 12:09 – Consent Agenda

- Authorize all way stop on Porter House Drive at Althorp Way
- Modify speed limit on Whites Creek Pike at Kings Lane from 50mph to 40mph
- Modify no left turn at 4th Ave S onto Broadway from 6am-6pm Monday – Friday to 4pm – 6pm Monday – Friday

- Authorize Valet stands on the east side of Almond St from Demonbreun to Molloy St from 5pm-midnight, 40' in length
- Modify existing valet on the south side of Church St from 15th Ave N to 16th Ave N from 24 / 7 to 5pm – 4am Friday and Saturday
- Modify existing valet zone on the north side of Broadway at 4th Ave from 8pm – midnight to 4:30pm-1:00am (Margaritaville)
- No parking or standing on the east side of 11th Ave N, 150' south of Charlotte Ave to Charlotte Ave
- No parking or standing on the west side of 11th Ave N, 250' south of Charlotte Ave to Charlotte Ave
- Modify No Parking on the east side of 5th Ave N from Jefferson St to 150' N of Jefferson
- No Parking on the west side of 5th Ave N from Jefferson St to Madison St.
- Bus Parking Only on the north side of James Robertson Pkwy from 6th Ave to 200' east of 6th Ave
- Authorize residential permit parking on both sides of Fatherland St from South 7th St to South 8th St
- Modify speed limit on 31st Avenue from Park Plaza to Parthenon from 35mph to 20 mph
- New Signal at:
 - 5th Ave S and Lafayette St
 - 31st Ave and Parthenon Ave

Mr. Knauf stated that he wanted to pull Bus Parking Only on the north side of James Robertson Pkwy from 6th Ave to 200' east of 6th Ave off of the consent agenda and request an indefinite deferral.

Mr. Green requested to pull the speed limit modification for 31st Ave off the consent agenda.

Mr. Knauf stated that the reason of this speed limit modification is for the opening of the new 28th Ave / 31st Ave Connector opening.

Mr. Green stated that he thinks that the speed limit should not drop below 30 due to safety.

Sgt. Denton agreed that the speed limit should not drop below 30 to keep the flow of traffic consistent.

Mr. Green made a motion to modify speed limit to 30mph on 31st Ave from Park Plaza to Parthenon.

Rev. Mitchell made a motion for **approval**, seconded by Mr. Morin and **approved with no opposition**.

7. REPORTS

1. Parking – *on consent agenda*
2. Engineering – *on consent agenda*

Traffic and Parking Commission Resolution No. 12-09 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: September 10, 2012

EFFECTIVE: September 15, 2012

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Sgt. Denton moved to ***adjourn***, seconded by Mr. Turner and ***approved by voice vote with no opposition***. The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Approved on this the 8th day of October, 2012.

Assistant Director
Department of Public Works

Chairperson
Traffic and Parking Commission