

MINUTES  
OF THE MEETING OF THE  
TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION  
March 11, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Traffic and Parking Commission was held at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, March 11, 2013, at the Sonny West Conference Center. The following were present unless noted otherwise:

Commission Members

Gene Ward, Chairperson  
Richard Morin, Vice Chair  
Feller Brown  
Cpt. Jones, 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  
Mark Macy, Assistant Director

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

Guests

As noted in minutes

Chairperson Gene Ward called the meeting of March 11, 2013 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. Morin moved for **approval** of the Agenda, seconded by Mr. Green and **approved with no opposition.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Green moved for **approval** of the Agenda, seconded by Council Member Frank Harrison and **approved with no opposition.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Proposal No. 2013M-004AB-001 – A request to abandon a portion of Alley #1800, just west of 520 Merritt Ave (easements and utilities to be abandoned and relocated) from Alley #187 southward to its intersection with Merritt Avenue, requested by Jon Kemp, applicant.

Mr. Knauf stated that Council Member Moore requested that this be deferred one month, he noted that she had a few questions. He stated that Public Works had since met with the Council Member and she is ok with the recommendation to Council.

Mr. Green made a motion for **approval**, seconded by Council Member Harrison and **approved with no opposition**.

2. Modify existing Yield Sign to Stop Sign on S Douglas Ave at 10<sup>th</sup> Ave S. Deferred from February 2013

Mr. Knauf stated that with further review he is recommending an indefinite deferral.

Mr. Turner made a recommendation for an **indefinite deferral**, seconded by Council Member Harrison and **approved with no opposition**.

3. 12<sup>th</sup> Ave South Residential Permit Parking. **Deferred from January 2013**

- Caruthers Ave
- Gilmore Ave
- Montrose Ave

Council Member Sandra Moore stated that she represents District 17 in which the 12<sup>th</sup> south area is located. She stated that she has been meeting with the neighbors and business merchants. She noted that she is for both sides. She said that she would leave it up to Public Works to identify where the cars can park.

Ms. Marshall stated that she received signed petitions requesting residential permit parking. She noted that according to code 12.42.030 they meet the requirements for the residential permit parking. She noted that the signs will only be posted in front of the residence and not the businesses along 12<sup>th</sup> South. She stated that staff recommendation is for approval.

Mr. Ken Winter stated that he sits on the 12<sup>th</sup> south neighborhood board. He asked the commission to approve the residential permit parking. He noted that the neighborhood has some significant changes that will take place soon and it's critical that this parking be approved.

Ms. Katherine Moffatt stated that she lives on Gilmore Ave. She is requesting that the residential permit parking be approved. She said that this continues to be an issue and is critical that this be approved. She noted that all three streets qualify for the residential permit parking according to the Metro Code and that last fall Halycon St was approved for this permit parking.

Mr. Mike Dolan stated that he has had several meetings with the residents and businesses and feels that they can come up with a solution without approving the residential permit parking. He noted that there was a \$2.3 million study that specifically talks about the parking aspects of 12<sup>th</sup> Ave S. He said that they actually removed parking spots on 12<sup>th</sup> Ave S to create more lane room. He noted that after this change is when the DNDP was put into place. He stated that the DNDP specifically talks about residential parking on 12<sup>th</sup> Ave S. He stated that in his letter in January he wrote that every house on Caruthers Ave, Gilmore Ave and Montrose Ave have a driveway with the exception of 3 homes. Mr. Dolan stated that the businesses are doing their part to let the patrons know that they have shared parking lots. He also stated that the businesses were meeting with planning about potential lots that are for sale. He stated that he is trying to work with the residents. He would just like a little more time to come up with a solution and ask the commission not to approve this today.

Mr. Mark Howard stated that he is a resident on Caruthers. He noted that he would like to correct Mr. Dolan and say that there are more than 3 homes that do not have driveways, his being one.

Mr. Knauf stated that there are representatives here from Public Works, Planning and Codes.

Ms. Joni Priest from the Planning department stated that she has a copy of the DNDP written in 2008. She said that this is an awkward phase of the neighborhood growing and evolving. She said that this is an ongoing situation and that the neighborhood and businesses need to continue communication. She noted that the conversation can continue if deferred today and that planning would be happy to help.

She stated that her recommendation would be to defer to continue conversation to find a balance for everyone's needs.

Mr. Bill Herbert with the Codes Department stated that back in January Council Member Burkley Allen contacted him about 4 vacant parcels that could potentially be used for surface parking. He stated that these parcels could be used as hard surface lots.

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave ONE Way to TWO Way conversion, Lafayette to James Robertson Parkway**

Mr. Knauf stated that this about connectivity and the demand for accessibility. He noted that with the MCC opening there is high demand for getting trucks in and out. We did an impact study that states that 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Ave should be two way to improve accessibility and to reduce traffic caused by blocking "Circling." He stated that he would like to recommend a one month deferral.

Ms. Susan Tinny, with the Tinny Gallery stated that there have been a lot of improvements on 5<sup>th</sup> Ave and it's a wonderful walking district in this new creative art area. She stated that with this conversion it would impact this area and is a bad idea. She stated that the businesses would like to be involved in the process.

Mr. Jeff Rymer owns the Rymer gallery on 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. He noted that they are very excited about the changes on 5<sup>th</sup> Ave and currently it is very pedestrian friendly. He stated that he fears this would make a negative impact to the area.

Mr. Robert Murphy President of RPM Transportation stated that he was asked to prepare the pavement markings and signing plans for the conversion of 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. He went through the specific design plans and highlighted the key aspects of the project. He noted that the goals of this project are well matched to what the business owners want. He said that this will improve accessibility and create a street network that will make it easier to get to 5<sup>th</sup> Ave and reduce overall traffic congestion.

Ms. Sanderson asked how they were going to address deliveries into the old convention center.

Mr. Macy stated that he met with Charles Stark with the Convention Center and said that he expects his loading events dropping significantly this year due to the opening of the new convention center.

Mr. Murphy stated that traffic volumes on 5<sup>th</sup> Ave are very low. He said that they are not projecting a significant traffic increase.

Mr. Macy noted that they are trying to accommodate everyone's needs which is nearly impossible. He stated that Public Works is trying to make this street more accessible and helping people get through town easier.

Mr. Green made a recommendation to **approve the one month deferral**, seconded by Rev. Mitchell and **approved with no opposition**.

### **2. A resolution approving an amendment to a parking agreement between the Metropolitan Government and Stahlman Redevelopment Partners, LLC for the use of up to 175 parking spaces for a fee in the courthouse parking garage to extend the expiration of the term of that agreement from 2046 to 2053. Consent Agenda**

Ms. Marshall stated that the recommendation is to approve.

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

### **3. Resolution 03-13: (Consent Agenda)**

- Install parking meters on both sides of Molloy from 1<sup>st</sup> Ave to 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave
- Authorize carriage stand on the South side of Commerce at 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, 50' in length
- Authorize carriage stand on the South side of Broadway at 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, 50' in length
- Authorize Taxi Stand at 1808 West End Ave
- Remove two parking meters on Capital Blvd and sign as "Nashville B – Cycle Parking Only"
- Authorize Stop on Fontana Ave at Kraft Dr
- Authorize All Way Stop on Kendall Dr. at Stoneway Trail
- Authorize Stop on Monticello Dr at Trinity Hills Pkwy
- Authorize All Way Stop on South 11th St at Sevier St
- Authorize No Parking on both sides of Hoggett Ford Rd from portion of Private Rd to 250 ft east of Private Rd

Mr. Knauf recommended we indefinitely defer the **Installation of parking meters on both sides of Molloy from 1<sup>st</sup> Ave to 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.**

Rev. Mitchell made a recommendation for an **indefinite deferral** on the installation of parking meters on both sides of Molloy from 1<sup>st</sup> Ave to 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., seconded by Mr. Green and **approved with no opposition**.

Council Member Harrison made a recommendation for **approval** of the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Turner and **approved with no opposition**.

### **4. REPORTS**

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

**Approved**

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Request to provide free or reduced pay parking in the Metro Courthouse Garage from noon until 3pm Saturday, April 6, 2013 for the city's nine-month celebration of Metropolitan Government's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Ms. Marshall stated that the recommendation is for approval.

Rev. Mitchell made a recommendation for **approval for free parking**, seconded by Mr. Turner and **approved with no opposition**.

Traffic and Parking Commission Resolution No. 13-03 authorized by Chapter 9 of the Charter of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee as amended

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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 11, 2013

EFFECTIVE: March 16, 2013

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Cpt. Jones moved to ***adjourn***, seconded by Mr. Morin and ***approved by voice vote with no opposition***. The meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Approved on this the 8th day of April, 2013.

  
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Assistant Director  
Department of Public Works

  
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Chairperson  
Traffic and Parking Commission