

MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION
July 8, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Traffic and Parking Commission was held at 3:00 p.m., on Monday, July 8, 2013, at the Sonny West Conference Center. The following were present unless noted otherwise:

Commission Members

Feller Brown, Chair	Breonus Mitchell Sr
Richard Morin, Vice Chair	Brenda Sanderson
John Green	Steven Turner
Council Member Frank Harrison	Mary Vavra
Cpt. Dhana Jones, MPD	

Staff Members

Korby Bowden, Engineering Tech II	Mark Macy, Assistant Director
Theresa Costonis Legal Advisor	Diane Marshall, Parking Administrator
Julie Herring, CNT	Benny Word, Collier Engineering
Chip Knauf, Traffic Engineer	

Guests

As noted in minutes

Chairman Feller Brown called the meeting of July 8, 2013, to order at 3:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Brown 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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Knauf stated that he would like to request a revision to the revised agenda under appeal number one. He noted that the agenda states 9th and Monroe and the actual location is 9th and Buchanan. Mr. Knauf asked for permission from our legal department to change the agenda and proceed with the case.

Theresa Costonis with legal stated that it would be acceptable to go ahead and hear this item.

Consent Agenda

Proposal No. 2013M-011AB-001 – A request to abandon a portion of Alley # 968 (easements to be abandoned and relocated) from Belmont Blvd eastward to Alley #439, requested by Dream Inc, applicant.

Ms. Vavra asked if the alley behind the closure will remain open.

Mr. Knauf confirmed that the alley will remain open.

Resolution 07-13: (Consent Agenda)

- Modify existing yield sign to stop sign at Joyce Lance and GRA MAR Dr
- Modify existing yield sign to stop sign at Cedar Cliff Rd & Brantley Dr
- Install stop sign on Cedar Cliff Ct at Cedar Cliff Dr.
- Install parking meters at 2300 Elliston Place

REPORTS

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

Mr. Morin asked how many parking meters will be installed on Elliston Place?

Ms. Marshall stated that the department will install 14 parking meters along 2300 Elliston Place.

Rev. Mitchell made a motion to **approve** the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Green and **approved with no opposition**.

APPEALS

1. Appeal the denial of a traffic signal at 9th Ave and Monroe. Requested by Council Member Edith Langster.

Council Member Edith Langster acknowledged the Commissioners. She noted that she had been lobbied by first graders to put a traffic light in at 9th and Buchanan. She noted that this stretch of road is traveled heavily by pedestrians, bicyclist, and vehicles. She stated that she would like to hear from a guest who is a teacher at the school near this intersection.

Ms. McFadden stated that she was a metro teacher at Johns' Pidea. She noted that they talk about safety and this intersection is a huge concern for her students. She stated that she has students that walk or ride a bike to her school and would really like to see a traffic signal at this intersection.

Council Member Langster asked the commission for their approval for this signal.

Mr. Brown asked if they have a lot of students walking to school.

Ms. McFadden stated that this is a magnet school so a majority of the students are bussed in or dropped off. She noted that they only have one crossing guard and with all of the traffic at this intersection it makes it difficult for the crossing guard to deal with.

Mr. Brown asked how many students attended this school.

Ms. McFadden noted that there were around 367 students at the school.

Council Member Harrison asked why the staff originally turned this request down.

Mr. Knauf stated that we have to go through the nine signal warrants that the Federal Government puts out in the Manual Uniform Traffic Control Devices. He noted that the staff goes through the warrant list and notes what warrants it meets. He explained the data that public works gathered and explained why it did not meet warrants. He stated that if this were to be approved it would benefit the intersection.

Ms. Vavra asked if staff had looked at any other traffic calming solutions.

Mr. Knauf stated that he had looked at the button activated school zone flashers and would like to add those at the intersection.

Rev. Mitchell made a motion to **approve** the denial of the traffic signal at 9th Ave and Buchanan, seconded by Council Member Harrison and **approved by a 7-0 vote**.

2. **Banker's Alley** – Convert Banker's Alley from one way westbound between Printer's Alley and 3rd Ave N. to two-way.
3. **Printer's Alley** – Convert Printer's Alley from one-way northbound to one-way southbound Between Union St. and Church St. Implement service vehicles only on Printer's Alley from Banker's Alley to Church St.

Mr. Knauf stated that Public Works met with business owners and residents and it was unanimous decision that they wanted these changes to help reduce traffic and speeding.

Mr. Green stated that he would like to make a motion to **approve** the changes to Printer's and Banker's Alley, seconded by Mr. Morin and **approved with no opposition**.

Traffic and Parking Commission Resolution No. 13-07 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: July 8, 2013

EFFECTIVE: July 13, 2013

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 **approved by voice vote with no opposition**. The meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

Approved on this the 12th day of August, 2013.



Assistant Director
Department of Public Works



Chairperson
Traffic and Parking Commission