

MINUTES  
OF THE MEETING OF THE  
TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION  
October 14, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Traffic and Parking Commission was held at 3:00 p.m., on Monday, September 9, 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
Officer Burke, 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	Rachelle Gallimore-Scruggs, Legal Advisor

Guests

As noted in minutes

Chairman Feller Brown called the meeting of October 14, 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**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Turner moved for **approval** of the Agenda, seconded by Mr. Morin and **approved with no opposition.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

New Business

1. Bill NO. BL2013-551- An ordinance amending Section 12.54.200 (A)(9) and 12.54.310 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws, pertaining to Routes for horse-drawn carriage operation, by adding the ability of Zones to be created and by delegating duties to the staff of the Traffic and Parking Commission

Mr. Knauf states that this ordinance is to allow the traffic and parking staff to change the routes for the carriages in the office and brought to commission if changes to the routes were made.

Mr. Fields states that he represents the Transportation and Licensing Commission of Davidson County. He stated that they drafted this ordinance to accommodate the special events downtown. He states that by allowing the staff to change the routes would allow more flexibility and be able to rezone the carriages for special events downtown.

Mr. Knauf stated that this would be a recommendation to council.

Mr. Fields wanted to reassure the commission that before any routes or zone changes, Public Works and the Police Department would have to approve

Mr. Morin made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Green and approved by a 8-0 hand vote.

## 2. Consent Agenda

A. Request to provide complimentary parking for VIP and Crew staff working the New Years Eve event at the Public Square Garage from December 28 thru January 1, 2014. Requested by the Nashville Convention and Visitors Bureau.

B. Proposal No. 2013M-014AB-001 – A request to abandon a portion of Alley #515 (easements and utilities to be retained) from Interstate 65 south to the northern property line of Tax Map / Parcel #08108051900. Requested by Civil Site Design Group, applicant.

Rev. Mitchell made a motion to approve Proposal No. 2013M-014AB-001, seconded by Mr. Turner and approved by a 8-0 hand vote.

### C. Resolution 10-13:

- Remove "No Left Turn" on Clark St at 8<sup>th</sup> Ave
- Authorize stop on Haynes Meade Circle at Seminary St
- Authorize Valet Parking in front of 209 10<sup>th</sup> Ave S from 5:30pm to 12am Monday –Sunday for M Restaurant
- Authorize 24 hour Loading Zone at 404 12<sup>th</sup> Ave S in front of 404 12<sup>th</sup> Ave S for Hotel 404
- Install 2 hour parking meters on the north side of Lea Ave from 10<sup>th</sup> Ave S to 9<sup>th</sup> Ave S
- Authorize No parking on the west side of 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue South from Acklen to Soccer Field Drive

## C. REPORT

1. Parking
2. Engineering

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

## Old Business

1. Request to authorize daytime horse drawn carriage operation from 9am -3pm. Requested by Cumberland Carriages. Deferred from June 2013.

Ms. Sara Beth Williams stated that she is the Owner of Cumberland Carriages and would like to work out an approval for the day time carriage operations. She noted that she has received several request for day time carriage rides. She said she has also received numerous calls from the Omni hotel to pick up passengers for carriage rides. She stated that she only has one carriage that she operates and business is very competitive downtown at night. She would like to be able to have an opportunity to make money and daytime operations would help.

Mr. Knauf stated that the reason we did not want the carriages on the road was because there were no designated stations for them to load in and out of. He stated if we could figure out the loading zones and restrict it to non peak rush hours we are willing to give it a try.

Ms. Marshall stated that the current locations for the carriage stands are loading zones or metered places. She stated that she is looking for other places for the carriages to utilize for day time carriage operations.

Ms. Williams stated that she would like to suggest a loading zone in front of the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Ms. Marshall stated that the carriages are not allowed south of Broadway.

Ms. Sanderson stated that the business would not want to lose their loading zone during the day time. She noted that where the carriages are going to be staged really needs to be looked at.

Mr. Knauf stated that if this passes we will have to come back to the November meeting with the staging area.

Mr. Turner asked if there are guidelines already established for the daytime carriage operations.



Mr. Knauf stated that the goal would be all applicants would be treated the same way.

Rev. Mitchell made a motion to defer indefinitely, seconded by Mr. Morin and approved with no opposition.

2. Remove "no trucks" sign on Georgia Ave between 45<sup>th</sup> Ave and 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Requested by Gary Keltner, owner of Lumberman's Wholesale

Mr. Gary Keltner stated that he was the owner of Lumberman's wholesale on Georgia Ave. He stated that this business has been located on Georgia Ave since 1969. He stated that TDOT originally gave them the route to use through Georgia Ave. Mr. Keltner said that in 2008 they had a neighbor appeal the route and was approved. He stated that he has to use an alternate route now that has them traveling an extra one and a half miles to get to the interstate. He asked the commission to allow the businesses to use this block of Georgia Ave to exit the businesses and access the interstate.

Mr. Matt Scanlin stated that he was an attorney for the business. He stated that from 1969-2008 the businesses ran safely and without any incidents on Georgia Ave route. He noted that since they have had to use the alternate route they have impacted 30 more households than they were before. Mr. Scanlin stated that they only run trucks during the daytime from 7:30-5. He asked the commission to please consider the previous route.

Ms. Elizabeth Parrot stated that she is against taking this sign down. She stated that there has been a residential explosion in this neighborhood and this change would have a negative impact on the growing neighborhood. She stated that there are children who travel this road and that it just would not be safe.

Ms. Gina Raff stated she does not want this restriction lifted. She stated that the trucks are a nuisance to the neighborhood and would not be safe for the community. She asked the commission to not remove the signs.

Mr. Morin made a motion to deny the appeal, seconded by Rev. Mitchell and approved with no opposition.

Traffic and Parking Commission Resolution No. 13-10 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: October 14, 2013

EFFECTIVE: October 19, 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 **approved by voice vote with no opposition**. The meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

Approved on this the 11th day of November, 2013.

  
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Assistant Director  
Department of Public Works

  
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Chairperson  
Traffic and Parking Commission