

MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION
July 14, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Traffic and Parking Commission was held at 3:00 p.m., on Monday, July 14, 2014 at the Sonny West Conference Center. The following were present unless noted otherwise:

Commission Members

Feller Brown, Chair
Richard Morin, Vice Chair
John Green
Council Member Frank Harrison
Sgt. Burke, MPD

Breonus Mitchell Sr - Absent
Brenda Sanderson
Steven Turner
Mary Vavra

Staff Members

Korby Bowden, Engineering Tech III
Theresa Costonis Legal Advisor
Julie Herring
Chip Knauf, Traffic Engineer

Mark Macy, Assistant Director
Diane Marshall, Parking Administrator
Benny Word, Collier Engineering

Guests

Erica Gilmore, District 19

Sheri Weiner, District 22

Chairman Feller Brown called the meeting of July 14, 2014 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. Green moved for **approval** of the Agenda, seconded by Mr. Morin and **approved with no opposition**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Green made a motion to approve the minutes for the month of July, seconded by Ms. Vavra and **approved with no opposition**.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Modify speed limit on Belle Forrest Circle from 30 mph to 25 mph.

Mr. Knauf stated that this road did not meet warrants to lower the speed. He stated that there was a speed study conducted and that the average speed was 34 mph. He stated that the count did not warrant a lower speed limit.

Council Member Sheri Weiner stated that there are restaurants and businesses on this stretch of road and they are concerned for their customers turning in and out. Council Member Sheri Weiner stated that cars speed down this stretch of roadway and make it unsafe for others to get in and out of parking lot. She requested that the commission approve this reduction.

Mr. Morin stated that he thinks that the commission should go take a look at this roadway to see if the reduction is necessary.

Mr. Turner made a motion to **defer one month**, seconded by Mr. Morin and **approved with no opposition**.

New Business

1. **Proposal No. 2014M – 009AB – 001** – A request to abandon a portion of 4th Ave North (easements and utilities to be abandoned and relocated) from Jackson Street southward approximately 700 feet to the proposed cul – de – sac for the remaining 4th Ave North to be dedicated by subdivision plat (case #2014S – 134 – 001), requested by Barge Cauthen & Associates.

APPROVED BY A 7 – 0 HAND VOTE

2. Consent Agenda

Resolution 07-14:

- Modify Gleaves St from two way to one way west bound from 8th Ave S to 9th Ave S
- Authorize all way stop on Gleaves St at 9th Ave S
- Authorize all way stop on Fairlane Dr at Madeline Dr
- Authorize all way stop on Strasser Dr at Madeline Dr
- Authorize stop sign on Rocky Mountain Ct at Rocky Mountain Parkway
- Authorize stop sign on Mount Hood Dr at Rocky Mountain Parkway
- Authorize stop sign on Dockside Ct at Dockside Dr
- Authorize stop sign on Bryan St at 15th St
- Authorize stop sign on Frontage Rd E at Claylick Dr
- Remove loading zone at 10 Cannery Row
- Remove the "No Parking" signs in the 1000 block of 11th Ave N
- Authorize Loading zone at 311 3rd Ave S
- Authorize Valet zone at 623 Union for the Sheraton Hotel

APPROVED BY A 7-0 VOICE VOTE

3. Authorize a CSX RR Quiet Zone on 2nd Ave N and 3rd Ave N. Mr. Macy recognized Council Member Gilmores presence and stated that she has been very active in the Quiet Zone. Mr. Macy states that the federal government passed a law a few years ago that allows communities to take action to make crossings safe and prohibiting trains from sounding their horn when they come to the crossing. He states that the train engineers are required by law to sound the whistle when certain safety precautions arise. He states that during normal operation if the crossing meets certain safety standards and accident prevention standards, the crossing can be made safer in a way that allows the train engineers to stop blowing the whistle as he comes to the crossing. Mr. Macy stated that the crossings at 2nd and 3rd Ave N have the safety equipment in place and have a train speed of 10 mph, which is very important. He states that these locations meet the requirements for a quiet zone without needing a significant investment from Metro.

Metro Legal Rep Theresa Costonis stated that this approval is contingent upon the CSX regulation of Notice of Establishment.

Mr. Macy stated that the commission will be voting on the process going forward. He stated that the notice of intent has been issued to CSX and that the Notice of Establishment has been approved by the Commission.

Mr. Green made a motion to **approve the CSX quiet zone**, and seconded by Mr. Turner and **approved with no opposition**.

Traffic and Parking Commission Resolution No. 14-07 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 14, 2014

EFFECTIVE: July 19, 2014

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Metro Police Representative moved to ***adjourn***, seconded by Mr. Morin ***approved by voice vote with no opposition***. The meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Approved on this the 11th day of August, 2014.



Assistant Director
Department of Public Works



Chairperson
Traffic and Parking Commission