

MINUTES  
OF THE MEETING OF THE  
TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

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The regular monthly meeting of the Traffic and Parking Commission was held at 3:00 p.m., on Monday, September 11, 2017 at the Sonny West Conference Center. The following were present unless noted otherwise:

Commission Members

John Green, Chairman  
Betsy Williams  
Mary Vavra  
Nora Kern  
Saralee Woods

Metro Council - absent  
Breonus Mitchell - absent  
Feller Brown - absent  
MNPD – Captain Kenneth Walburn

Staff Members

Chip Knauf, Traffic Engineer  
Diane Marshall, Parking Administrator  
Jackie Conner, Administrative Assistant

Benny Word, Traffic Calming Office  
Theresa Costonis, Legal Advisor

Chairman John Green called the meeting of September 11, 2017 to order at 3:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman John Green 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**

Commissioner Woods moved for **approval** of the Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Williams, and **approved with no opposition**.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Woods moved for **approval** of the July and August Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Kern, and **approved with no opposition**.

## Consent Agenda - Resolution 09-17

- a. CD 11: Authorize all way stop Dabbs Ave at 22<sup>nd</sup> St; Cmbr Hager
- b. CD 17: Mandatory referral 2017M-023AB-001; request to abandon a portion of Lester Ave from Factory St/Woodycrest Ave to terminus at Trevecca Nazarene University; request by Trevecca Nazarene University
- c. CD 21: Mandatory referral 2017M-024AB-001; request to abandon a portion of 4<sup>th</sup> Ave N, from Clay Street south to its terminus at I65; request by Ragan-Smith and Associates
- d. CD 32: Mandatory referral 2017M-025AB-001; request to abandon a portion of the original Cane Ridge Road right of way that existed prior to the realignment of Cane Ridge Road (see sketch); request by Perry Engineering, LLC
- e. CD 04: Authorize stop on Woodlands Ave at Boxwood Dr.; request by Metro Public Works
- f. CD 07: Authorize removal of all way stop at 9<sup>th</sup> Ave and Cleveland Street (creating stop control Cleveland at 9<sup>th</sup>)

Consent Agenda consisting of Resolution 09-17 was approved as presented. Commissioner Woods made a motion to **approve the resolution on the consent agenda**, seconded by Commissioner Williams.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1. CD 19

- a. Relocate the Mega Bus parking on the east side of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue N at Charlotte Avenue for the MTA Circulator Council.

Per Diane Marshall, MTA is present and Mega Bus has been contacted and they approve this relocation which is approximately 60' from its current position.

Commissioner Vavra made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and **passed with no opposition.**

## OLD BUSINESS – N/A

## OTHER

### 1. Traffic Engineering Review: Traffic Signal Warrants

- a. Mr. Knauf explained that Commissioner Woods requested the Commission have educational sessions on various traffic engineering standards of practice, and there will be other educational sessions in the future. Amy Burch of Collier Engineering Co., Inc., presented on traffic signals and when they are needed.

Mr. Knauf noted that the warrant of a traffic signal is not based on cost, and that there is not a warrant based on bike traffic.

Commissioner Woods asked if there is an established warrant for bike signals, and Mr. Knauf answered that there is not at this time and that bikes are considered pedestrians in regard to traffic signal warrants.

Ms. Burch stated that warrants allow for reduced criteria when speeds are higher, and Commissioner Kern asked if higher speed criteria included 40 mph. Ms. Burch responded that yes, higher speeds for the warrants typically include 40 mph and above.

Commissioner Williams asked about the intersections in the county with the highest traffic volume. Mr. Hammond, Director of the Transportation Division of Metro Public Works, stated that he has a list of the 30 intersections with the highest traffic volumes in the county, which will be sent to the Commissioners.

Traffic and Parking Commission Resolution No. 17-09 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: September 11, 2017

EFFECTIVE: September 15, 2017

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Commissioner Woods moved to ***adjourn***, seconded by Commissioner Kern and ***approved by voice vote with no opposition***. The meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Approved on the **11th** day of **September** 2017.

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Assistant Director  
Department of Public Works

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Chairperson  
Traffic and Parking Commission