

MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION
DECEMBER 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, December 11, 2017 at the Sonny West Conference Center. The following were present unless noted otherwise:

Commission Members

John Green, Chairman - Absent	Metro Council – Larry Hagar
Betsy Williams	Breonus Mitchell
Mary Vavra	Feller Brown, Vice Chairman
Nora Kern	MNPD – Sgt. Gilliland
Saralee Woods	

Staff Members

Chip Knauf, Traffic Engineer	Benny Word, Traffic Calming Office
Diane Marshall, Parking Administrator	Theresa Costonis, Legal Advisor
Jackie Conner, Administrative Assistant	Korby Bowden, Engineer Tech Senior

Vice Chairman Feller Brown called the meeting of December 11, 2017 to order at 3:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Feller 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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Mitchell moved for **approval** of the November Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and **approved with no opposition**.

Consent Agenda - Resolution 12-17

Consent Agenda consisting of Resolution 12-17 was approved as presented. Commissioner Mitchell made a motion to approve the resolution on the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Woods. No opposition.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **CD19:** Authorize rate increase at the Public Square Garage located at 350 Deaderick Street and Library Garage located at 151 6th Avenue North; requested by Nashville Downtown Partnership

Presentation by Nashville Downtown, Mr. Payne, once a year we give recommendation for rate increases at facilities. We look at the surrounding properties and complete a rate survey. Starting with the Library Garage, they are running at a 100% occupancy most days, average hourly is \$8.50, special events \$10-13. Average monthly \$161. We are recommending \$155 monthly, \$4 per hour and special events/nights and weekend \$10 per hour. The rate is also based on the expansion of the facility. Metro Council Hagar asked who runs the garage facility, Mr. Payne said SSP+ runs the garage, Metro generates \$3.5-4M over the course of the year, roughly generate \$3000 per space per month. SSP+ charges a flat rate of \$1500 per month well under market rate.

Court House Garage, same methodology as the Library Garage they are running at 97% occupancy, last rate increase was August 2015. We are recommending \$155 monthly, \$15 daily, \$6 hourly, \$5 nights and weekends, \$10-15 special events.

There will be a 30-day notice to monthly customers for rate changes, transient rate will be implemented 30 days after approval.

Feller Brown asked what constitutes Special events which are Titans, Predators, Concerts, Bridgestone Arena events, CMA, etc.

CM Hagar asked if there were discounts for surrounding condo owners, the answer is yes. They go up by a CPI adjustment.

CM Vavra asked how this impacts those on jury duty and what the impact fee would roughly be. Per Mr. Payne, last year roughly 15,000 tickets were issued but is controlled by the courts as they control the vouchers. More on Mondays but tapers off by the end of the week.

CM Kern said it is important to get parking rates close to market rates to discourage people driving to downtown, as downtown gets more congested; and encourages patrons to walk, use the bus, Uber and/or Lyft, etc. Finds it is a good move in this direction and supports this rate increase.

Commissioner Mitchell made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Vavra, and all in favor with no opposition. Motion Passed.

2. **CD19 & CD05:** Modify speed limit on James Robertson Parkway from 40mph to 35 mph from Church Street to Spring Street; deferred from November 2017 meeting

Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, and all in favor with no opposition. Motion Passed.

3. **CD17:** Appeal denial of prohibition of left turn movement from 4:00pm-6:00pm M-F on Napoleon Avenue at Nolensville Pike; requested by CM Sledge

Commissioner Mitchell made a motion to defer one month, seconded, and all in favor with no opposition. Motion Deferred One Month.

Traffic and Parking Commission Resolution No. 12-17 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: December 11, 2017

EFFECTIVE: December 15, 2017

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, MNPD Sgt. Gilliland moved to **adjourn**, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and **approved by voice vote with no opposition**. The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

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

Assistant Director
Department of Public Works

Vice Chairperson
Traffic and Parking Commission