

MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION
JANUARY 8, 2018

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The regular monthly meeting of the Traffic and Parking Commission was held at 3:00 p.m., on Monday, January 8, 2018 at the Sonny West Conference Center. The following were present unless noted otherwise:

Chairman John Green called the meeting of January 8, 2018 to order at 3:00 p.m.

Commission Members

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

Metro Council – Absent
Breonus Mitchell - Absent
Feller Brown, Vice Chairman
MNPD – Absent

Staff Members

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

Benny Word, Traffic Calming Office
Theresa Costonis, Legal Advisor
Korby Bowden, Engineer Tech Senior

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 Vavra, and **approved with no opposition**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Brown moved for **approval** of the December Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Williams, and **approved with no opposition**.

CONSENT AGENDA - Resolution 01-18

Consent Agenda consisting of Resolution 01-18 was approved as presented. Commissioner Woods made a motion to approve the resolution on the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Brown. No opposition.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Council Member Sledge spoke with the commission concerning Napoleon Avenue where similar left turn restrictions on Rosedale have now diverted some of the traffic on to Napoleon Avenue which is becoming difficult to turn left during hours of 4-6pm M-F, there is a signalized left turn on Craighead where that traffic can be diverted to.

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

2. **CD19: Discussion on Howard Parking Garage for public use; requested by Mayor's Office to defer one month**

Commissioner Woods made a motion to defer one month, seconded by Commissioner Kern, and all in favor with no opposition. Motion Passed to defer one month.

OTHER

1. Smart Parking Presentation by Peter Westernholm, Policy Director with Great Nashville Regional Council. Working from a handout presented. There have been studies, and integrating with Metro Council we now have a report to go over with you in this presentation. There are tools to use to improve parking experience. Expectation is to have free and convenient parking. As parking becomes scarce, it becomes harder to find at a cheaper cost for business, housing or park space. It needs to be more productive. We studied parking at Germantown, Hillsboro Village, Green Hills and Antioch. How do we want curbside space utilized? This space is very valuable. Pickup, drop off, no cars to be parked on the street, opportunities for transit, biking, etc. More parking leads to more congestion, parking is an underperforming asset with low ROI, need for parking drastically reduced by shared mobility, today's parking we be tomorrow's housing, retail or park space, improving parking requires technology, policy change and availability of options.

CM Woods asked where is there free parking in Nashville, Mr. Westernholm said 20-30% of congestion is trying to find a parking space.

CM Woods wants them to move forward with their agenda as there needs to be a balance of turn over.

CM Vavra reiterated CM Woods comments and said he did a good job with the presentation.

2. CM Potts presented his presentation although it was not on the January Consent Agenda to vote. He had a community meeting in December with over 40 neighborhood people about Keeley Drive. There have been several accidents at Keeley Drive, a lady at this 4-way stop was hit by a car at 60mph, she was in the hospital for 3 weeks and is lucky to be alive, it is also in a school zone. Most of Keeley Drive does not have sidewalks. Luker Lane further on down has a new subdivision. During school hours it is very congested. They would like to see a change. This will go on the February Consent Agenda.
3. CM Allen spoke regarding a Commercial Permit. Per Chip Knauf they were waiting on comments to be returned. Was not on the Consent Agenda today.

Traffic and Parking Commission Resolution No. 01-18 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: January 8, 2018

EFFECTIVE: January 12, 2018

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commission member Woods moved to ***adjourn***, seconded by Commissioner Kern and ***approved by voice vote with no opposition***. The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Approved on the **8th** day of **January** 2018.

Assistant Director
Department of Public Works

Chairperson
Traffic and Parking Commission