

MEETING MINUTES  
OF THE  
TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION  
July 9, 2018

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The regular monthly meeting of the Traffic and Parking Commission was held at 3:00 p.m., on Monday, July 9th, 2018 in the Lentz Health Department, Centennial Room C. The following were present unless noted otherwise:

Commission Members

John Green, Chairman  
Betsy Williams  
Saralee Woods  
Nora Kern

Mike Gilliland, MNP  
Marvin Neal  
Karen Robbins

Staff Members

Diane Marshall, Parking Administrator  
Korby Bowden, Engineer Tech Senior

Benny Word, Traffic Calming  
Teresa Costonis, Legal Advisor  
Mary Peoples, Administrative  
Assistant

Chairman John Green called the meeting of July 9, 2018 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 Kern, and **approved with no opposition**.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Consent agenda 18-07 was presented and a request was made by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Kern to remove item (k) from the agenda. Motion passed. All in favor with no opposition. The revised consent agenda was read. All items on the consent agenda were approved with no opposition.

## CONSENT AGENDA - Resolution 18-07

### Mandatory Referrals

- a) **CD19:** Proposal 2018M-017AB-001 – A request for the abandonment of a portion of Magazine Street, from Mansion Street northeastward approximately 168 feet to its terminus (see map for details), easements are to be retained, requested by Civil Site Design Group, PLLC

### Parking Regulations

- b) **CD19:** Authorize valet parking from 5 p.m. to 12 a.m. daily at 1929 Broadway; requested by Trinity Parking

### Traffic Regulations

- c) **CD4:** Authorize 4-way stop control at Cobble Street and Bradford Hills Drive; requested by CM Swopes
- d) **CD7:** Authorize removal of yield sign at Shadow Lane and Riverwood Circle, and replace with 3-way stop; requested by Metro Public Works
- e) **CD8:** Modify speed limit on Maplewood Trace from 35 mph to 30 mph; requested by Metro Public Works
- f) **CD32:** Modify speed limit from 30 mph to 25 mph on E. Oak Highland from Blue Hole Road to Brian Circle; requested by resident
- g) **CD25:** Modify speed limit from 30 mph to 25 mph on Oriole Place from Richards Jones Road to Shackelford Drive; requested by Metro Public Works
- h) **CD19:** Authorize stop sign on Morrison Street at Jackson Street; requested by resident
- i) **CD17:** Authorize all 4-way stop on Pillow Street at Merritt Avenue; requested by CM Sledge
- j) **CD15:** Modify speed limit from 35 mph to 30 mph on Lakeland Drive between McGavock Pike and Donelson Pike; requested by CM Syracuse
- k) **CD13:** Authorize removal of truck prohibition on Couchville Pike between Reynolds Road and Bell Road; requested by CM Holly Huevo

*Council member Huevo was asked to speak regarding her request. She stated that because commercial businesses were coming to the area that there was a need to remove the signs.*

*Ms. Betty Dooley, who resides in Woodland Point, expressed her opposition to the request. She stated that there were safety and traffic concerns as well as inadequate infrastructure to support trucks along the Couchville Pike Reynolds Road area. Her request is that the commission permanently remove the item from the agenda.*

*Jeff Hammond, Assistant Director of Metro Public Works, was asked to speak regarding this agenda item. He stated we cannot prohibit trucks from traveling on the road if they are making deliveries or conducting business. Regarding the pavement structure, he could not substantiate there was any issues with truck weight. In addition, the turn radius for trucks was adequate and the sight distance was good.*

*The commission requested that Mr. Ali Afis, Metro Public Works Traffic Engineer be present at the next meeting to present information he has regarding the traffic study that was done previously.*

**The commission decided to defer one month. A motion was made by Commissioner Kern and seconded by Commissioner Williams to defer this item for one month. All approved no opposition.**

### NEW BUSINESS

1. **CD17:** Modify speed limit from 30 mph to 20 mph on Elliott Avenue from Hillview Heights to Inverness Avenue; requested by CM Sledge

**Motion was made by Commissioner Kern and seconded by Commissioner Williams. All in favor, no opposition. Motion passed.**

## APPEAL

1. **CD17:** Appeal request for a 4-way stop at Vivelle Avenue and Whitney Avenue; requested by CM Sledge  
**Motion was made by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Kern. All in favor, no opposition. Motion passed.**

## DEFERRED BUSINESS

1. **CD19:** Authorize Valet Zone at 120 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South; requested by Parking Management Company

*Metro Police Seargeant Bork spoke regarding this request. He explained the scenarios that occur regularly during events at this location, all of which were causing traffic issues due to lack of valet parking. He stated that adding additional valet parking at this location would not decrease the traffic flow issues and stated that parking is available at other locations nearby.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Kern and seconded by Commissioner Woods to deny this request. Officer Gilliland recused himself from this vote. All in favor no opposition. Motion denied.**

2. **CD24:** Authorize residential parking permit at 4500 Nebraska Avenue to 4501 Utah Avenue from 12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.; requested by CM Murphy

**Motion was made by Commissioner Kern and seconded by Officer Gilliland to defer this item for one month. Request was made by the commissioners to have Council Lady Murphy present**

## OTHER ITEMS

1. The August 13th Commission meeting will be held at Lentz Health Department, 2500 Charlotte Ave.
2. **CD19:** Appeal decision made by Traffic and Parking Commission regarding carriage parking on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue; requested by Kama Warren, Sugar Creek Carriages

*The commission allowed representatives of Sugar Creek Carriages to speak, but took no action because of the 6 month rule stated in the commission guidelines. Kara Warren voiced concerns regarding safety and loss of income. She also stated that after the changes put in place after the last Traffic and Parking Commission meeting, their spaces had been cut in half because of other companies using the shared parking spaces. John Smith, owner, stated that two other carriage companies are staging to keep his company from having fair opportunity to park in the designated areas. This behavior is costing his company money. Metro legal, Teresa Costonis stated that the Transportation Licensing Commission has jurisdiction regarding the staging issues. She also explained the 6 month rule regarding the previous commission decision pertaining to the carriage parking. Commissioner Green stated that the commission needs more guidance regarding this issue prior to the next time the item is presented on the agenda.*

3. **CD26:** Update on 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue

*Per Diane Marshall, there are ongoing items regarding this issue and a full report is forthcoming.*

Traffic and Parking Commission Resolution No. 18-07 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: July 9, 2018

EFFECTIVE: July 9, 2018

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Officer Gilliland moved to ***adjourn***, seconded by Commissioner Williams and ***approved by voice vote with no opposition***. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Approved on the **9th** day of **July** 2018.

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Assistant Director  
Department of Public Works

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Chairperson  
Traffic and Parking Commission