

MEETING MINUTES
OF THE
TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 11, 2019

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The regular monthly meeting of the Traffic and Parking Commission was held at 3:00 p.m., on Monday, February 11, 2019 in the Sonny West Conference Center. The following were present unless noted otherwise:

Chairman John Green called the meeting of February 11, 2019 to order at 3:00 p.m.

Commission Members

John Green, Chairman
Betsy Williams
Saralee Woods
Marvin Neal
Karen Robbins-absent

Officer Gilliland, MNP
Nora Kern
Larry Hagar, CM-absent
Feller Brown, Vice Chairman

Staff Members

Chip Knauf, Traffic Engineer
Diane Marshall, Parking Administrator
Korby Bowden, Engineer Tech Senior

Teresa Costonis, Legal Advisor
Mary Peoples, Administrative
Assistant

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Brown moved for **approval** of the January 14, 2019 minutes and seconded by CM Williams, and **approved with no opposition**.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda 19-02 was presented and a request was made by Commissioner Kern to remove item (f), Commissioner Williams to remove items (d and e), Chip Knauf item (a) and a member of the audience to remove item (i). Motion was made by Commissioner Kern to remove these items and seconded by Commissioner Neal. The revised consent agenda was presented and Commissioner Kern made the motion to approve and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams to **approve** the consent agenda. Motion passed. All in favor no opposition.

CONSENT AGENDA - Resolution 19-01

Mandatory Referrals

- a) **CD19:** 2019M-006AB-001- A request for the abandonment of right-of-way along Alley #142, from Drexel Street northward to Lea Avenue, easement rights to be retained (see sketch); requested by Ragan-Smith, applicant, Circle South Partners, owner.

Per Chip Knauf, Metro Public Works, the applicant requested an indefinite deferral. Motion was made by Officer Gilliland and seconded by Commissioner Neal to approve. Approved with no opposition.

- b) **CD16:** 2019M-005AB-001- A request for the abandonment of right-of-way and easement rights along Alley #1863 from Jay Street, northward to Alley #1867 (see sketch); requested by St. George Coptic Church, applicant and owner.

Parking Regulations

- c) **CD19:** Authorize 60' "Passenger Loading Only" zone on 2nd Avenue South at Demonbreun (east side) as a part of 151 1st development; Requested by KCI Technologies
- d) **CD21:** Request for a valet zone at 201 25th Avenue North during the hours of 4:30 p.m. to midnight; requested by Parking Management Company

Commissioner Williams wanted clarification on this location because the location coincides with item (e). Per Diane Marshall this request is a request for a restaurant at this location. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve this request and Commissioner Kern seconded. Approved with no opposition.

- e) **CD21:** Request for a valet zone at 201 25th Avenue North during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; requested by Premier Parking

Commissioner Williams wanted clarification on this location because the location coincides with item (d). Per Diane Marshall, this request is for a salon at this location. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve this request and Commissioner Kern seconded. Approved with no opposition.

- f) **CD19:** Request for a loading zone on the south side of Commerce Street at 4th Avenue North; requested by Sygna Network

Commissioner Kern stated that there is a planned bikeway at this location and is concerned with the conflict of the two. Per Diane Marshall, she suggests an indefinite deferral on this item until it is clear about the bikeway. Commissioner Kern made a motion to indefinitely defer this item and Commissioner Brown seconded. Approved with no opposition.

- g) **CD21:** Request for a valet zone at 1808 Hayes Street; requested by Parking Management Company
- h) **CD19:** Request for a valet zone at 500 5th Avenue South; requested by Parking Management Company
- i) **CD19:** Request for a valet zone at 154 2nd Avenue North; requested by Vastland Company

Eddie Garcia, Sugar Creek Carriages, spoke regarding this item. He stated that adding this valet would add to the congestion in this location.

Per Diane Marshall, this would increase the number of valet zones to three on this street.

Clay Cobble, Vastland Company, spoke regarding this item. He explained that they are a new hotel in the area and are asking for one metered spot to be converted to a valet for the hotel.

After discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Kern to defer this request.

Traffic Regulations

- j) **CD34:** Modify speed limit from 35 m.p.h. to 30 m.p.h. on Hobbs Road from Hillsboro Pike to Lynwood Blvd; requested by CM Henderson

DEFERRED BUSINESS

1. **CD17:** Authorize valet parking at Montrose at 2526 12th Avenue South; requested by Parking Management Company

Per Diane Marshall, the CM had emailed her and requested approval of this valet. Motion was made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Officer Gilliland to approve. Approved with no opposition.

OTHER ITEMS

1. Discussion of horse carriage operations, including parking areas, hours of operations and use of loading zones; requested by Eddie Garcia, Sugar Creek Carriages

Eddie Garcia, Sugar Creek Carriages, was present to speak regarding this item. He stated that there are 3 main issues. The first one is a request to be allowed to operate from 10-3. Secondly, regarding loading zones there is a problem with the scooters blocking the loading zones when they are left on the sidewalks. They need to be able to load and unload and they want to use the loading zones to operate. Thirdly, there is constant abuse of the 1st Avenue stop. There is no enforcement in these zones with regards to taxis, Uber and Lyft drivers.

Billy Fields, Metro Transportation and Licensing, stated that the State of Tn. has complete authority over the Uber and Lyft so he can't regulate anything with those companies. There have been many changes within Metro since they began operating and they try to work with the companies. He also stated that the number of carriage companies has declined from 5 companies to 3.

After discussion, Commissioner Green stated that this conversation is a part of a larger issue that needs to be studied to make an evaluation regarding parking downtown. He thinks it will require further study by staff.

Traffic and Parking Commission Resolution No. 19-02 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: February 11, 2019

EFFECTIVE: February 11, 2019

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 Brown
and ***approved by voice vote with no opposition***. The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Approved on the 11th day of **February**, 2019.

Assistant Director
Department of Public Works

Chairperson
Traffic and Parking Commission