

MEETING MINUTES  
OF THE  
TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION  
April 8, 2019

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The regular monthly meeting of the Traffic and Parking Commission was held at 3:00 p.m., on Monday, April 8, 2019 in the Sonny West Conference Center. The following were present unless noted otherwise:

Chairman John Green called the meeting of April 8, 2019 to order at 3:00 p.m.

Commission Members

John Green, Chairman	Officer Gilliland, MNP
Betsy Williams	Nora Kern
Saralee Woods	Larry Hagar, CM
Marvin Neal	Feller Brown, Vice Chairman
Karen Robbins	

Staff Members

Chip Knauf, Traffic Engineer	Teresa Costonis, Legal Advisor
Diane Marshall, Parking Administrator	Mary Peoples, Administrative Asst.
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 Kern moved for **approval** of the Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and **approved with no opposition**.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Hagar moved for **approval** of the March 11, 2019 minutes and seconded by Commissioner Woods, and **approved with no opposition**.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Consent agenda 19-04 was presented and a motion was made by Commissioner Woods to remove item (k) from the consent agenda and seconded by CM Hagar. All in favor no opposition. Consent agenda was read and motion was made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Hagar to approve. All in favor no opposition.

## CONSENT AGENDA - Resolution 19-04

### Mandatory Referrals

- a) **CD19:** 2019M-0011AB-001- A request for the abandonment of easements and right-of-way for Alley #126, from Lindsley Avenue southeastward to the dead end at Interstate 40 (see sketch for details), requested by Catalyst Design Group, applicant; The Fuel Tank, LLC, owner.
- b) **CD5:** 2019M-012AB-001- A request for the abandonment of a portion of right-of-way along Maynor Avenue from the end of existing Maynor Avenue pavement southwestern to dead end of right-of-way between 900 Maynor Avenue and the Railroad Right-of-Way, easement rights to be retained (see sketch for details), requested by MC2 Group, LLC., applicant;

### Parking Regulations

- c) **CD19:** Request to remove the loading zone at 175 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. N; requested by Metro Public Works
- d) **CD19:** Request to remove the loading zone at 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. N and Commerce St.; requested by Metro Public Works
- e) **CD06:** Request for residential permit parking on Russell St. from 800 to 900 blocks; requested by CM Withers
- f) **CD19:** Request for a valet zone at 231 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. N; requested by Parking Management Co. for The Hermitage Hotel
- g) **CD19:** Request to remove the loading zone at 600 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. N.; requested by Reddy Brand Packers
- h) **CD19:** Request to remove parking meters #D76 and #D578 on the north side of West End Ave. at 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. N. for a MTA bus stop; requested by Catalyst Design Group

### Traffic Regulations

- i) **CD9:** Authorize stop signs on Sylvia Drive and Pierce Rd, and Sylvia Drive and Palmer Ave; Requested by Metro Public Works
- j) **CD07:** Authorize all-way stop at Chesapeake Dr. and Moorewood Dr.; requested by resident
- k) **CD17:** Authorize all-way stop at 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. and Gale Ln; requested by CM Sledge  
*CM Allen was present to speak regarding this item. She stated that neighbors have been concerned about the safety of this intersection for a few years. She realizes that the accident numbers warrant some improvement. She explained the problems that regularly occur at this intersection. The neighborhood association feels that the all way stop will help until a signal or a roundabout is ready to be installed.*

*CM Sledge reiterated what CM Allen stated and in addition, he would like additional rumble strips installed to help drivers to recognize the change.*

*Cynthia Hicks, President of the Belmont Hillsboro Neighbors, stated that she totally agrees with the council members statements. In addition, she stated that there are a lot of pedestrians in the area. The request would be to install a roundabout, but until funding is available the all-way stop would be a way to condition drivers to slow down.*

*Mark Lopez, Co-chair of the Belmont Hillsboro Committee, commented on this issue and is in agreement with the installation of an all way stop until a roundabout can be funded.*

*Chip Knauf, Metro Public Works, explained options as to how Public Works can bring awareness to the all-way stop. He stated we would use oversized signage and markings on the pavement.*

*Motion was made by Commissioner Kern and seconded by Commissioner Woods to approve an all way stop at this intersection. All in favor, no opposition, motion passed.*

## **OTHER ITEMS**

1) NFL Draft update

*Sergeant John Bourque, Metro Nashville Police Department, spoke regarding this item. He gave a detailed overview of the plans for managing traffic and street closures for the weeks leading up to the draft and during the draft.*

2) Special called meeting of the Traffic and Parking Commission

*Theresa Costonis, Metro Legal, gave an update on the parking modernization that was discussed last meeting. She went over the scheduled dates for this to get implemented. She stated that no action was required today other than to schedule a special called commission meeting on April 29, 2019.*

*Commissioner Kern asked if public comment would be allowed during that meeting. Ms. Costonis stated that there would be time allotted for the public to speak about this.*

*Commissioner Green asked what the commission is asked to do during that special meeting. Ms. Costonis stated that first would be an approval of the agreement to be recommended to the Metro Council; second the in concept items mentioned at the March meeting would be more concrete and drafted legislation would be ready to be looked over and filed for recommendation to Metro Council and there may be one or two things that the Commission would want to adopt under its authority as options that can be exercised without council approval.*

*Commissioner Williams asked when the agreement would be available for review. Ms. Costonis stated that it would be available prior to the meeting.*

*Commissioner Hagar wanted to know how many responses they have received. Ms. Costonis replied that there are multiple. Under state law, they can't reveal information about proposers until after the intent to award. At that time it will be public information. She stated that the commissioners should have a draft of the information on or about April 23 to review. She stated that she needs the commissioners to set a special called meeting date.*

*Commissioner Woods made a motion for April 29<sup>th</sup> at 3 O'clock to be a special called meeting date and seconded by CM Hagar. All in favor no opposition.*

*Commissioner Williams stated that the last meeting she was not personally prepared knowledge wise to make the decision and wants to make sure the commissioners have all the information necessary to make a qualified decision.*

*Commissioner Green asked Ms. Costonis if she could offer information that would be made available to commissioners prior to April 23 to help make an informed decision.*

*Ms. Costonis replied that the solicitation itself which includes a draft contract, the memo from the Mayor's office and some other documents that are not protected by the procurement process that is available.*

*Commissioner Green asked that an email distribution with all available information be sent by the end of the week to help commissioners prepare for the meeting.*

3) Request for 100 parking spaces in the Metro Courthouse Garage on April 13<sup>th</sup> for the Cherry Blossom Festival staff, sponsors, performers and VIP's

*Commissioner Woods made a motion to approve and CM Hagar seconded. All in favor no opposition. Motion passed*

4) Summary update of downtown bikeway planning; Metro Planning and Public Works

*Jeff Hammond, Metro Public Works, gave an update on the planning and changes associated with the demands of traffic downtown. He referenced a website for updated information and a survey. The website is [www.downtownbikeways.nashville.gov](http://www.downtownbikeways.nashville.gov).*

Traffic and Parking Commission Resolution No. 19-04 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: April 8, 2019

EFFECTIVE: April 8, 2019

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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 CM Hagar  
and **approved by voice vote with no opposition**. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Approved on the 8th day of **April**, 2019.

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Assistant Director  
Department of Public Works

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Chairperson  
Traffic and Parking Commission