

**MEETING MINUTES
OF THE
TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION
February 14,2022**

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The regular monthly meeting of the Traffic and Parking Commission was held at 3:00 p.m., on Monday, February 14,2022 at the Metro Office Complex in the Sonny West Conference Room. The following were present unless noted otherwise:

Chairman John Green called the meeting of February 14,2022 to order at 3:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES

COMMISSIONERS

John Green , Feller Brown , Saralee Woods (absent), Karen Robbins (absent), Pastor Marvin Neal (absent) Council Member Angie Henderson, Officer James Williams, Brandon Mason, Santiago Tefel

STAFF

Korby Bowden, Brad Freeze, Chip Knauf, Diane Marshall, Andrew Smith, Teresa Costonis

OTHERS

Kevin Gangaware – Civil Site Design Group ; Evan Lockhart- Civil Site Design Group, Lindsey Ganson– Walk Bike Nashville, Maegan Brejnik – Walk Bike Nashville, Kathy Crillion- Resident

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 Brown moved for approval of the February 14,2022 agenda, seconded by Officer Williams. The agenda was approved with no opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commission Tefel moved for approval of the December 13,2021 minutes and seconded by Commissioner Brown. The minutes were approved with no opposition.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION 22-02

NEW BUSINESS

- a) CD 9: Authorize Parking Restrictions: A request to prohibit parking, both sides of East Old Hickory Blvd from Forest Park Rd to Lombardia Ln, 24/7; requested by Council Member Hancock.

- b) CD:19: Authorize replacement of yield sign with stop sign on Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd at 3rd Avenue N, requested by WeGo

- c) CD:3: Authorize reduction of speed limit change on Culbertson Rd from Nolensville Pk to Old Hickory Blvd from 30 mph to 25 mph; requested by Council Member Rutherford .

Commissioner Brown made a motion for approval, seconded by Council Member Henderson. The motion was approved with no opposition.

NEW BUSINESS

- d) CD 19: Appeal staff denial to install all way stops on Charles E. Davis Blvd at the intersection of Fain St & Cannon St , requested by Walk Bike Nashville.

Chip Knauf spoke regarding the staff recommendation to deny the request. Lindsey Ganson with Walk Bike Nashville spoke regarding the need for an all way stop. She explained the use of the street for pedestrian and the number of accidents that happen and are not reported. She also mentioned that the addition of speed cushions has improve the traffic flow but there is a blind spot for vehicles turning out of Fain and Cannon Street presents safety concerns. Council Member Henderson asked about the crosswalks Chip Knauf advised the cross walks was installed by MDHA. Brad Freeze discussed the staff recommendation and that he has trust with the staff recommendation. Brad Freeze advised the recommendation was based on the MUTC manual for installation of stop signs. Commissioner Brown stated that he has confidence in the staff recommendation based on years of experience . Ms. Kathy Crillion, resident in the area explained the concerns that she has regarding blind spots due to buildings for vehicles turning into Charles E Davis Blvd. Council Member Henderson request that future investigation be done to consider other options which would include analysis of the clarification of the overall street scape as it relates to the larger context. Council Member Henderson requested a one-month deferral and Commissioner Mason seconded the motion .The Commission approved a one-month deferral with no opposition.

- e) CD:19: Authorize Passenger Loading zone on the east side of 6th Avenue N at 530 Church St , requested by Maddox Development

The Commissioners were advised this request will require the removal of 2 parking spaces. Council Member Henderson asked about the footage for the passenger loading zone. Andrew Smith advised that it would be 40 feet. Council Member Henderson asked about other options for what other parking options are for this business. Council Member Henderson requested a one-month deferral and Officer Williams seconded the motion. The Commission approved a one-month deferral with no opposition.

- f) CD:21: Authorize removal of 10 metered parking spaces on 18th Avenue N. at Hayes St for the installation of new left turn lanes, requested by Avalon Midtown.

The Commission was advised that this is a 28-story building, and the Nashville Department of Transportation was recommending removal of the parking meters to create a left turn lane. Kevin Gangaware with Civil Design Group advised that the actual request would require the removal of 12 parking meters spaces to accommodate the left turn lane. The original requests were for no turn lane but that was based on the COVID vehicular traffic and now based on current traffic patterns there is justification for the need for a left turn lane. Council Member Henderson asked why we are recommending the turn lane. Brad Freeze advised this was a recommendation from KCI and we agree with their recommendation. Mr. Gangaware advised the turn lane is not a requirement based on vehicles turning into the parking garage. Council Member Henderson wants to see additional analysis about removing the 12 parking spaces. Council Member Henderson requested a one-month deferral. Commissioner Tafel seconded the motion. The Commission approved a one-month deferral with no opposition.

Other Items

- Introduction of NDOT Traffic Management Center – Brad Freeze , NDOT Chief Engineer

Brad Freeze advised the Commission of the new traffic management center which will be at the Howard Office Building. The fund was approved 3.665-million-dollar award letter and the construction should begin in 2023. This location will provide the staff with the ability to look and analysis traffic patterns. Councilmember Henderson asked about the staff at this facility. Brad Freeze advised that the grant provided funding for 3 years of staff support. The facility will have 2 Engineers and 2 Operators. Council Member Henderson requested additional information on the staff at the facility. Based on Commissioner Green recommendation there will be additional discussion and the Commissioner should submit their request to be discussed later.

- Information on BI2021-961, pertaining to License Plate Reader technology in the right of way

Ms. Costonis explained the bill that will allow for utilization of License Plate Reader based on code 13.08.080. The current code will require some addition modifications, and this would not impact the smart parking program that is being developed. She also advised that Council is looking at some additional changes to the code which will be discuss at the next Council meeting.

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 14,2022** EFFECTIVE: **February 19,2022**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Officer Williams moved to *adjourn*. Commissioner Woods seconded. All in favor with no opposition. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Approved on the 14th day of February 2022.

Department of Transportation

Chairperson Traffic and Parking
Commission