

**MEETING MINUTES  
OF THE  
TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION  
June 13, 2022**

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The regular monthly meeting of the Traffic and Parking Commission was held at 3:00 p.m., on Monday, June 13, 2022, at the Metro Office Building, Sonny West Room. The following were present unless noted otherwise:

**ATTENDEES**

**COMMISSIONERS**

John Green (Chair), Captain Walburn, Council Member Angie Henderson, Feller Brown, Saralee Woods, Brandon Mason, Pastor Marvin Neal (absent), Karen Robbins (absent), Santiago Tefel (absent)

**STAFF**

Jason Oldham, Director Diana Alarcon, AD Brad Freeze, Teresa Costonis, Andrew Smith

**OTHERS**

Mayor John Cooper, Rob Maroney (VP of LAZ Parking), David White (Attorney for SP Plus Parking Corp), Rob Toy, Bob Kemp, JC Maynar (PNC Parking Management), Katherine Berg(Rutledge), Lisa Laclair (Greater Nashville Hospitality Association), Alex Bucary (Pins Mechanical General Management), Annie Baxtrum (Attorney for Pins Mechanical), Michael Hayes (CB Ryder Company)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman John Green called the meeting of June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, to order at 3:00 p.m. Chairman John Green announces appeals process, Metropolitan Code of Laws 2.68.030.

*"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**

Chair John Green asked for approval of the agenda, Saralee Woods moved to approve and seconded by Feller Brown and approved with no opposition.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Feller Brown moved for approval of the May 9, 2022, minutes, seconded by Saralee Woods. Prior to full vote, CM Angie Henderson requested a revision to section c's. CM Angie Henderson proposed the following language be included in the section c motion "a one meeting deferral with a detailed implementation proposal provided by staff". Saralee Woods moved for a revision of the minutes, seconded by Feller Brown, and approved with no opposition.

## **MAYOR COOPER REQUEST TO THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION**

Mayor Cooper shared with the Traffic and Parking Commission how he felt about Nashville's current street vending concerns. He noted Nashville's street vending problems are a safety and quality of life issue and he requested the Traffic and Parking Commission to help address.

## **COMMISSION CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENT**

Chair John Green speaks to the commission needing a four week notice before something can be added to the agenda. Chair will meet with staff monthly to work out process improvements to make sure that everyone has had a chance to look at information in a timely manner.

## **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- a) CD 32: Authorize new truck restriction on Saddlecreek Way, east of Old Hickory Blvd, requested by CM Styles, SR 1551828.
- b) CD 13: Authorize stop control on Quail Run Ct at Quail Run, requested by resident, SR 1534401.
  - Captain Walburn requests NDOT to confirm the location of Item b is correct. Chip Knauf confirmed location is correct.
- c) CD 12: Authorize reduction of speed limit on Hessey Rd from 30 mph to 25 mph, east of Earhart Rd to the terminus of Hessey Rd, requested by CM Evans, SR 1546602.
- d) CD 33: Authorize reduction of speed limit on Whittemore Ln from 45 mph to 35 mph from Burkitt Rd to Old Hickory Blvd, requested by resident, SR 1549513.
- e) CD 31: Authorize reduction of speed limit on Blairfield Dr from 30 mph to 25 mph from Pettus Rd to Cane Ridge Rd, requested by CM Styles, SR 1554429.
- f) CD 02: Mandatory referral 2022M-002AB-001, a request for the acceptance to abandon a portion of Alley #1089 right-of-way, starting at southeast corner of parcel 06013003000 and northeast corner of parcel 06013006200 then westward to dead end. The easements are to be retained. Requested by Ali Tamer Bozoklar with Start LLC.
- g) CD 02: Mandatory referral 2022M-003AB-001, A request for the acceptance of abandonment of a portion of Lock Road right-of-way and easement between Map 07109004800 and 07113000100, requested by Tom White.
  - Jason Oldham requests the withdrawal of Item g from the consent agenda. Chair John Green agrees to withdraw.

Chair John Green requests an update on speed reductions around town.

Saralee Woods made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, seconded by CM Angie Henderson, and approved with no opposition.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- h) Smart Parking contract consideration for approval.
  - Director Diana Alarcon speaks regarding the Smart Parking contract consideration and discussion follows. Ron Maroney, VP of LAZ Parking, joins the discussion. Staff presented and discussed the schedules, timelines, and specifics of the contract.
  - David White (Attorney for SP Plus Parking Corp), Rob Toy, Bob Kemp request that the Commission take no action on the smart parking contract as there exists a bid protest. Staff, Teresa Costonis responds that SP Plus does not have a valid protest as during the procurement process the company was deemed "unresponsive."
  - Saralee Woods moves to defer consideration for approval of Item h, Smart Parking contract consideration for approval, seconded by Feller Brown, and approved with no opposition.
- i) Connect Downtown: Authorize a temporary pause on new curb utilization approvals.
  - Jason Oldham speaks regarding the Connect Downtown study and deferring new valet permits. CM Angie Henderson initiates discussion around the prior meeting's requests.
  - Further discussion by valet parking representatives ensues.
  - Saralee Woods moves to pause new curb utilization referrals, seconded by Brandon Mason. CM Angie Henderson expresses concern of the vagueness of the motion. Brandon Mason recommends

an amendment to the motion to include a timeframe/temporary aspect until the Connect Downtown Study is complete. Intention was discussed that the commission has supervision over the issue while NDOT has discretion. Motion passed with CM Angie Henderson opposed.

- j) CD 19: Authorize a new valet lane at 151 1st Ave S for the Rutledge at Four Seasons, requested by Metropolis (formerly Premier Parking), SR 1542135.
- Saralee Woods motions to indefinitely defer Item j, seconded by Captain Walburn, and passed with no objection.
- k) CD 19: Authorize a new loading zone at 1102 Grundy St, requested by Pins Mechanical, SR 1541512. Alex Bucary (Pins Mechanical General Manager) and Annie Baxtrum (Attorney for Pins Mechanical) speak regarding a new loading zone on Grundy St.
- CM Angie Henderson moves to defer Item k one month, seconded by Captain Walburn, and passed with no objection.
- l) CD 17, 18: Authorize a new left turn lane configuration on eastbound Acklen Ave at 12th Ave S, removing six on-street parking spaces on the south side of Acklen Ave, requested by Catalyst Design Group, SR 1542139.
- Chair John Green states that Item l has been withdrawn.
- m) CD 17, 19: Authorize new parking restrictions, No Parking or Standing Anytime 24/7, on the west side of 18th Ave South from Edgehill to Chet Atkins, requested by constituent, SR 1535202.
- Saralee Woods moves to approve Item m, seconded by CM Angie Henderson, and passed with no objection.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- n) CD 21: Authorize removal of two parking meters, D-119 and D-121, on Church St to facilitate marking a new center turn lane between 17th Ave N and 18th Ave N, requested by a resident, SR 1539991.
- CM Angie Henderson moves for a two-meeting deferral of Item n, seconded by Saralee Woods, and passed with no objection.
- o) CD 19: Authorize removal of two parking meters, C-926 and C-928 on 9th Ave N to facilitate construction of entrance to new parking garage for Hilton Tempo at the southwest corner of Commerce and Rosa L Parks, requested by Bell Construction, SR 1551725.
- Saralee Woods moves to approve Item o, seconded by Captain Walburn, and passed with no objection.
- p) CD 17: Authorize a new valet lane at 500 Houston St for Soho House, requested by Parking Management Co, SR 1551211.
- CM Angie Henderson moves to approve Item p, seconded by Saralee Woods, and passed with no objection.
- q) CD 19: Authorize removal of 17 metered spaces and three existing loading zones; traffic signal modifications at 3rd Ave N & Deaderick, 3rd Ave N & Union, and 3rd Ave N & Commerce; and signage & pavement marking modifications to facilitate installation of a new bicycle lane on 3rd Ave N from James Robertson Pkwy to Broadway, requested by NDOT, SR 1553379.
- Lisa Laclair (Greater Nashville Hospitality Association) states that her association expects Item q to be deferred until March of 2023.
  - Michael Hayes (CB Ryder Company) requests a deferral for reasons related to the Connect Downtown Study.
  - Saralee Woods motions to defer Item q, seconded by Brandon Mason. Saralee Woods withdraws her motion and moves for a three-month deferral(for additional community outreach by staff), seconded by CM Angie Henderson, and passed no objection.

## **OTHER ITEMS**

- r) Authorize a request for complementary parking at Public Square Garage for the 2022 Let Freedom Sing Music City July 4 Celebration, July 2 through July 5, 2022, requested by Nashville Convention & Visitors Corp.
- Saralee Woods moves to approve Item r, seconded by Captain Walburn. Captain Walburn withdraws second. Brad Freeze speaks regarding the number of requests and processes. CM Angie Henderson moves to decline, seconded by Captain Walburn. Director Alarcon speaks on the process going forward.

- CM Angie Henderson amends her motion to approve the request understanding that this process will be evaluated. Captain Walburn seconded. Motion passed with no objections and CM Angie Henderson abstains.

s) Authorize a request for complementary parking at Public Square Garage for Women Touched by Addiction Day, Saturday July 23, 2022, requested by constituent, SR 1548493.

- Saralee Woods moves to approve Item s, CM Angie Henderson moves to decline. Saralee Woods motions to defer for 1 month until commissioner questions are answered related to historical practices, policies, number of spaces, loss of revenue, seconded by Captain Walburn, and passed with no objection.

t) Update on downtown sidewalk vending regulations.

- Andrew Smith speaks regarding the sidewalk vending regulations and hopes to have recommendations for the next commission meeting.

## **RESOLUTION TO AMEND CHAPTER 12 OF THE METRO CODE**

*Note: The Traffic and Parking Commission is authorized by Chapter 9 of the Charter of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County to amend Chapter 12 of the Metropolitan Code. Approved items on today's agenda amending Chapter 12 will be summarized and attached to the meeting minutes and will become effective five (5) days after providing a certified copy to the Metro Chief of Police, Metro Clerk and posting of a certified copy for public notice. Example of relevant items include Traffic Control Signals, Speed Limits, Turn Prohibitions, One Way Streets and Alleys, Through Streets, Stop and Yield Intersections, Parking Restrictions, Parking Meters, Limitation on Size of Vehicles, and Loading Zones.*

Resolution No 22-06 (Attached)

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Captain Walburn moved to *adjourn*, seconded by CM Angie Henderson, and approved by voice vote with no opposition. The meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Approved on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August 2022.

Traffic and Parking Commission Resolution No. 22-06

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I \_\_\_\_\_ with the Nashville Department of Transportation and Multimodal Infrastructure do certify the above items on today's agenda amending Chapter 12 of the Metropolitan Code were approved by the Traffic and Parking Commission on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022.