

# - MINUTES METROPOLITAN TRAFFIC & PARKING COMMISSION

**Howard Office Building—Sonny West Conference Room** 

## **December 12, 2022**

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The regular monthly meeting of Howard Office Building Sonny West Conference Room. The following were present unless noted otherwise:

#### <u>ATTENDEES</u>

#### **COMMISSIONERS**

John Green (Chair), Saralee Woods, Council Member Angie Henderson, Feller Brown, Brandon Mason, Karen Robbins, Meshach Adams, Lieutenant Williams (MNPD)

#### **STAFF**

Director Diana Alarcon, NDOT Chief Engineer Brad Freeze, Jason Oldham, Cody Osborne, Teresa Costonis, Andrew Smith, Korby Bowden, Darlene Thompson

### **OTHERS**

Hogan Bryant, Robert Saroniero, Deputy Clerk Ronnie Perkins, Officer Gilliland, and Officer Pulizzano

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman John Green called the meeting of December 12, 2022, to order at 3:00 p.m. Chairman John Green announced the 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."

#### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Woods moved for approval of the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Mason. Note: Council Member Henderson asked for clarification on item eight, the election of chair and vice chair. Council Member Henderson wanted to suggest for clarity of the public and the commission what order that will work. Chair Green provided clarification and confirmed with Legal Counsel that we were using best practices. Council Member Henderson then asked about the process for making a nomination. Chair Green provided additional clarification. The agenda was approved with no objections.

## 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 3.01. Approval of minutes from November 14, 2022.
  - Commissioner Woods moved for approval of the November 14, 2022, minutes.
    Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. Council Member Henderson requested 3 points of clarification to the November minutes. Commissioner Woods revised her motion to include the corrections as suggested by Council Member Henderson. Commissioner Mason seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items under consent agenda.

#### 5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.01. CD19: Authorization for a single valet space at 1922 Adelicia St from 4pm to 10pm, seven days per week, requested by The Chef and I, SR 1626839.

• Commissioner Brown moved to approve. Commissioner Woods seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

5.02. CD20: Authorization for new Residential Permit Parking area on the north side of Tennessee Ave from 49<sup>th</sup> Ave N to 4906 Tennessee Ave and on the west side of 49<sup>th</sup> Ave N from 1205 49<sup>th</sup> Ave N to Tennessee Ave, 24/7, requested by constituents, SR TBD

• Two of the residents spoke to the commission regarding the residential parking. Hogan Bryant former president of the HOA and Robert Saroniero current HOA president spoke to the commission regarding the increased parking pressures they are experiencing. Chair Green inquired about other residential parking zones in the area and how enforcement would work. Staff confirmed that we have no other residential zones in that area. Director Diana Alarcon spoke to the commission and the residents regarding residential parking permits and enforcement. Based on the information provided and the upcoming actions by staff for community outreach, it is recommended that the commission approve one street for residential parking. Director Alarcon deferred to the HOA President for his preference, 49th Ave was chosen. It was confirmed that Council Member Mary Carolyn had submitted an email in support of the residential parking. Council member Henderson moved to approve residential permit parking for the west side of 49th street. Commissioner Woods seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

5.03. Appeal of denial of vending permits for Music City CC LLC, requested by Andrew Mannella, SR TBD.

• Neither Mr. Mannella nor a representative of Music City CC LLC was present for the commission meeting. Given that this is an appeal, Legal Counsel recommended that witnesses providing evidence be sworn in. The witnesses NMPD officers Pulizzano and Gilliland were sworn in. Officers provided firsthand accounts of Music City CC LLC vending in unauthorized areas, lack of respect, disregard for the rules and the issuance of numerous citations. A discussion was had regarding over \$8,000 in adjudicated citations. Mr. Perkins Deputy Clerk spoke to the lapse in a license and late attempt at renewal. He also spoke to the numerous citations that are outstanding. Commissioner Brown motioned to uphold the recommendation by staff to deny the renewal of Music City LLC's vending license. Council Member Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

5.04. CD 18: Approval for one-way northbound designation for Overlook Dr, requested by CM Cash, SR 1633092.

• Staff recommended to defer. A motion to defer was made by commissioner Woods and seconded by Council member Henderson. The request was deferred with no objections.

5.05. CD 19: Authorization for a change of hours for the existing valet lane at 907, 909, and 911 20<sup>th</sup> Ave S, requested by Giovanni Ristorante, SR TBD.

• Staff recommended approval of the request. Andrew Smith with NDOT spoke to updating the signage and making uniform valet hours. Council Member Henderson was looking for clarification on the number of spaces. Mr. Smith confirmed 5 spaces are assigned for valet and parking meters. Council Member is looking for a best practice standard for granting valet spaces. Council Member Henderson suggested that we defer a meeting. Commissioner Mason asked for additional clarification. Director Alarcon provided additional information regarding valet spacing and cleaning up the signage in the area and recommended approval. Council Member Henderson deferred to commissioner Mason, then moved to approve with staff's recommendation. Commissioner Mason seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

#### **6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 6.01.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.
  - Council Member Henderson moved to defer as recommended by staff until the April 2023 meeting, noting a presentation was provided at the November meeting contextualizing the connect downtown and the other studies gave merit to a further deferral. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The deferral was approved with no objections.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

7.01. CD 19: Authorization for two valet parking spaces for the Country Music Hall of Fame on Rep. John Lewis Way, requested by County Music Hall of Fame, SR TBD.

- Cody Osborne spoke to the recommendation to defer. Commissioner Woods moved for a deferral. Council Member Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was deferred until April with no objections.
- 7.02. Approval of new Parking Meter Active Hours policy, requested by NDOT.
  - Diana provided a presentation on the new policy. Discussion was had regarding the hours, holidays, red/green meter map as well as potential price increases. The 24/7 policy was approved with the removal of item c. Commissioner Mason moved for the policy to be approved with the recommendations. Commissioner Robbins asked for clarification surrounding the removal of holidays. Commissioner Mason amended his motion based on this policy to say 24/7 with the removal of item C, asking that staff ensure the map is attached to the policy. Council Member Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objection.

## **8. OTHER ITEMS**

8.01. Election of Traffic & Parking chair and vice-chair.

• John Green and Feller Brown were reelected to chair and vice chair with a majority vote.

# 9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Lieutenant Williams moved to adjourn, Commissioner Mason seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 pm.

Approved on the 9th day of January 2023.

## **Traffic and Parking Commission Resolution No. 22-12**

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5.02. CD20: Authorization for new Residential Permit Parking area on the north side of Tennessee Ave from 49<sup>th</sup> Ave N to 4906 Tennessee Ave and on the west side of 49<sup>th</sup> Ave N from 1205 49<sup>th</sup> Ave N to Tennessee Ave, 24/7, requested by constituents, SR 1646026.

5.05. CD 19: Authorization for a change of hours for the existing valet lane at 907, 909, and 911 20<sup>th</sup> Ave S, requested by Giovanni Ristorante, SR 1646027.

7.02. Approval of new Parking Meter Active Hours policy, requested by NDOT.
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 January 9, 2023.
TENNESSEE NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
State of Tennessee
County of Davidson
On this 9 <sup>th</sup> day of January 2023, before me personally appeared Jason Oldham, to me known to be the person (or persons) described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that such person (or persons) executed the same as such person (or person's) free act and deed.
Witness my hand, at office, this 9 <sup>th</sup> day of January 2023.
Notary's Signature
Seal

#### <u>Traffic and Parking Commission Authority:</u>

My commission expires:

Chapter 9 of the Metropolitan Charter, Sec. 11.904. - Function of commission as to traffic regulation.

For the purpose of making the roads, streets and other public ways safe for pedestrians, motorists and others, and for the purpose of facilitating the flow of traffic thereon, the commission is hereby authorized to adopt and publish traffic regulations, including the erection of proper signs necessarily and properly connected with or incident to the following:

(a)The location and time when parking shall be limited.(b)Places where parking shall be prohibited entirely or only during certain hours.(c)The establishment of stop sign controls for through streets or isolated intersections.(d)The establishment of traffic signal controls.(e)The direction in which traffic may use any street or portion of a street.(f)Restrictions on the size of vehicles using certain streets.(g)The establishment of speed zones upon metropolitan streets and roads based upon the findings of the commission. When such zones are properly signposted, the speed indicated on the signs shall be the legal speed limit.

Such traffic regulations adopted by the commission shall take effect five (5) days after they have been published in a daily newspaper of general circulation within the area of the metropolitan government and after a certified copy thereof has been filed with the metropolitan clerk and the chief of police. Such regulations, when so adopted, shall have the force and effect of an ordinance, and shall be enforced by the metropolitan police. The metropolitan council shall provide by ordinance for the punishment of violators of such traffic regulations and shall fix proper and adequate fines and penalties.