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METROPOLITAN TRAFFIC & PARKING COMMISSION
Howard Office Building—Sonny West Conference Room

April 10, 2023

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

ATTENDEES

COMMISSIONERS

John Green (Chair), Saralee Woods, Council Member Angie Henderson, Feller Brown (absent), Brandon Mason, Karen Robbins, Santi Tefel, Meshach Adams, Captain Raymond Jones (MNPd)

STAFF

Director Diana Alarcon, Chief Engineer Brad Freeze, Jason Oldham, Cody Osborne, Erica Haber, Andrew Smith, Korby Bowden

OTHERS

Council Member Rutherford, Kate McDonald of CSDG, Michael Briggs, and Eben Cathey of Vanderbilt University.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman John Green called the meeting of April 10, 2023, 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; Council Member Henderson seconded the motion. The agenda was approved with no objections.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.01. Approval of minutes from the March 13th meeting.

- Commissioner Adams moved for approval of the March 13, 2023, minutes. Commissioner Woods seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- No Items on Consent Agenda

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.0. CD19: Modification of timed parking restrictions on the east side of 3rd Ave N near 1414 3rd Ave N, requested by CSDG, on behalf of Aster Development. SR TBD

- Kate McDonald with CSDG was available for questions. Council Member Henderson moved to approve. Commissioner Mason seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

5.01. CD 18: Authorization for permanent closure of Jess Neely Dr to vehicular traffic from Natchez Trace to 25th Ave S, requested by Vanderbilt, SR TBD.

- Michael Briggs and Evan Kathy of Vanderbilt University spoke to the future vision of the area and the request for a permanent closure for vehicular traffic. They would like to restrict vehicular traffic to the area indefinitely. Brad Freeze spoke to the partnership between Vanderbilt and Metro and provided clarification surrounding the public private partnership. Council Member Henderson moved to approve with the request once the collaborative documents MOU, encroachments, public private agreement is effectuated that you come back to this commission just by way of point of information. So, an item on the agenda. To share how that was effectuated who's going to do what, how that all got worked out. Commissioner Tefel seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

5.02. CD 32: Authorization for a new traffic signal at Mt. View Road & Old Franklin Rd, requested by NDOT, SR 150418.

- Discussion was had regarding additional improvements that will be made to the intersection. The commission would like a place of reference or a check list of items that are looked at prior to staff recommendation. Commissioner Woods moved to approve. Commissioner Tefel seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.01. CD Various: Authorization for new smart parking meters at multiple locations, SR TBD. Requested by NDOT.

- 6.01.1. North and South side of Nelson Merry St between Rev Kelly M Smith Way to Rosa L Parks Blvd.
- 6.01.2. North and South side of Nelson Merry St between 11th Ave N & North Gulch Greenway.
- 6.01.3. North and South side of Lifeway Plaza between 11th Ave N & George L Davis Blvd.
- 6.01.4. North side of Lifeway Plaza between 11th Ave N and 10th Ave and southside of Lifeway Plaza at 10th Ave N.
- 6.01.5. East and West side of 11th Ave N between Dr. MLK Blvd & Life Way Plaza
- It was requested these locations be deferred indefinitely. Commissioner Robbins moved to defer. Council Member Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was deferred with no objections.

6.02. CD 19: Authorize the 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 instillation of new bicycle lane on 3rd Ave N from James Robertson Parkway to Broadway, requested by NDOT, SR 1553379.

- It was requested that this item be deferred until September. Commissioner Woods moved to defer until the September 2023 meeting. Council Member Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was deferred with no objections.

6.03. Update on the parking program

A brief update was provided by Director Alarcon the system has gone live starting with Ann Dudley.

6.04. Approval of sidewalk vending regulation restricted area

- Jason Oldham provided clarification to the proposed map. Brad Freeze also provided additional clarification. Commissioner Woods moved to approve. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.01. Presentation on lowering posted speed limits on local residential streets within the GSD.

- Jason Oldham and Brad freeze provided a presentation in support of lowering the speed limit in the GSD from 30 mph to 25 mph. Council Member Rutherford spoke in favor of lowering the speed limit in the GSD. Council Member Henderson also spoke in support of the change. Tefel moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Woods seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no opposition.

7.02. Policy on Residential Permit Parking

- Diana asked to defer to the May meeting. Commissioner Adams made a motion to defer one month. Commissioner Mason seconded the motion. No vote was taken.

8. OTHER ITEMS

No other items to discuss.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Captain Jones moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:13 pm

Approved on the 8th day May 2023.

Traffic and Parking Commission Resolution No. 23-04

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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 May 8, 2023.

TENNESSEE NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

State of Tennessee

County of Davidson

On this 8th day of May 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 8th day of May 2023.

Notary’s Signature

Seal

My commission expires: _____

Traffic and Parking Commission Authority:
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.