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

**August 14, 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 (Vice Chair), Brandon Mason, Santos Gonzales (absent), Santi Tefel, Meshach Adams, Captain Jones (MNPD)

**STAFF**

Director Diana Alarcon, Jason Oldham, Teresa Costonis, Andrew Smith, Marcus Jackson, Korby Bowden, Darlene Thompson

**OTHERS**

Laz Parking General Manager Brandon Boatwain, Council Member Cash, Council Member Styles, Pastor Jonathan Nash and Nicole Vaughn Valentine from the Napier Kitchen Table, Tremaine Ricketts, and Fernando Reyes Bridgecrest residents, Michael Hayes property owner on Molloy, Carol Norton resident of South 9th.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman John Green called the meeting of August 14, 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."*

*"Per the Tennessee Open Meetings Act, Public Chapter No. 300, members of the public are invited to provide comment on matters germane to the items on the agenda."*

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Woods moved for approval of the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Tefel. The agenda was approved with no objection.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3.01. Approval of minutes from July 10, 2023.

- Commissioner Woods moved for approval of the July 10th minutes. Commissioner Mason seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

**4A. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Pastor Jonathan Nash of the Napier Kitchen Table working with the JC Napier Homes Community spoke to the need for crosswalks on Lafayette and Murfreesboro Pike at Lewis Street. They have a new community facility and would like a safe crossing space for members of the community. Nicole Vaughn Valentine also requested that staff prioritize a safe crossing at this corridor.



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- Carol Morton requested that the narrow street policy be revised. She would like no parking along narrow stretches of the road on South 9<sup>th</sup>. Please consider changing the policy. Council Member Henderson asked for clarification on the request. Ms. Morton is looking for a revision of the Narrow Street Policy. She would like no parking on narrow streets.

#### **4B. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- 4.01 CD 02: Mandatory referral 2023M-011AB-001 Lemuel Rd. ROW Abandonment, requested by Kimley Horn.
- 4.02 CD 19: Unnumbered alley ROW Abandonment, requested by property owner and CM O'Connell.
- 4.03 CD 25: Sharondale Drive speed reduction from Woodlawn Drive to Hillsboro Pike, requested by NDOT.
  - Commissioner Woods requested item 4.03 be moved to regular agenda. Commissioner Tefel seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.
  - Commissioner Woods moved to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

#### **5. REGULAR AGENDA**

- 4.03 CD 25: Sharondale Drive speed reduction from Woodlawn Drive to Hillsboro Pike, requested by NDOT.
  - Commissioner Woods and Council Member Henderson proposed that the speed limit be lowered to 25 MPH. Discussion was had surrounding the proposal. Commissioner Tefel also supported the 25 MPH proposal. Director Alarcon provided a point of information surrounding surplus funding, this funding will be available in January to make appropriate markings for school zones. Commissioner Woods moved to approve a 25 MPH speed limit on Sharondale from Woodlawn Drive to Hillsboro Pike. Council Member Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.
- 5.01. CD 32: Appeal of new parking restrictions on Bridgecrest Dr, requested by homeowners.
  - Jason Oldham of NDOT provided background surrounding the original request and referenced the NDOT policy for Narrow Streets. Homeowners Fernando Reyes and Tremaine Ricketts voiced concerns surrounding the parking restriction. Council Member Styles spoke to the safety concerns in the cul-de-sac and gave background on this safety issue stating with parking on the street, emergency vehicles are unable to respond. Commissioner Brown made a motion to remove the signs. No second to that motion. Additional discussion was had. Council Member Henderson made a motion to deny the repeal. No second to that motion. Commissioner Tefel felt that we needed a fair compromise. Director Alarcon reiterated the Narrow Street Policy, best practices and peer benchmarking when making the decision. Legal interjected additional clarification. Commissioner Mason made a motion that what staff had previously decided stand but that additional conversations with the community be had. If it is determined no parking on both sides of the street was still warranted that a discussion be had regarding alternate parking considering the messaging and notifications that were sent out could have been better. Council Member Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.
- 5.02. CD 32: Authorization for new traffic signal at Bell Rd & Arbor Common/Beechwood Terrace, requested by NDOT.
  - Jason Oldham gave background surrounding the analysis of crash data for this intersection. The intersection did meet the criteria for the safety warrant for traffic signals. We are looking for you to approve a signal at this location. Council Member Styles spoke in support of the signal and provided additional background regarding the need. Commissioner Woods moved to approve. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. Council Member Henderson asked about the challenges for the street in its entirety. Do we have any additional signals or road diets planned for this road. Director Alarcon spoke to a partnership that is happening with WeGo to identify a long-range plan to make improvements as we grow. We are working to build a balanced transportation system and Bell Road is a priority. Council Member wants to ensure we are not precluding public transit in the future. The motion was approved with no objections.
- 5.03. CD 19: Authorization for new valet lane on the Southwest side of 11<sup>th</sup> Ave S, requested by Jarred Colin.
  - Jason Oldham gave background surrounding the expired moratorium and a wish to reenact. Council Member Henderson asked for clarification regarding the legality of reenacting an expired moratorium. Director Alarcon spoke to the Connect Downtown study and the recommendations coming out of the study. Mr. Cloin spoke to the parking issue and the simplicity of the valet request. Director Alarcon spoke to further valet discussion in the future. Jason Oldham clarified that the valet would be 2 spaces from 4pm to 11pm. Council Member Henderson moved to approve. Commissioner Tefel seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.
- 5.04. CD17: Authorization for new passenger loading zone for 747 Fesslers Lane/Enos Reed Dr, requested by Tan Assets LLC
  - The requestor asked that this item be deferred. Commissioner Mason motioned for a deferral. Commissioner Tefel seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.



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- 5.05. CD 17: Authorization for new loading zone at 509 Houston St., requested by property owner and AJ Capital  
This item as deferred in error, Commissioner Woods, and Council Member Henderson rescinded the previous motion to defer. Discussion was had on the item. Director Alarcon spoke to the limited parking in this area. Commissioner Woods moved to approved. Council member Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.
- 5.06. CD Various: Authorization for proposed new metered parking spaces. Requested by NDOT.
- \*5.06.01 South Street from 8<sup>th</sup> Ave S to Southside Ave
  - \*5.06.02 12<sup>th</sup> Ave S from Linden Ave to Sweetbriar Ave
  - \*5.06.03 12<sup>th</sup> Ave S from Montrose Ave to Dallas Ave
  - \*5.06.04 12<sup>th</sup> Ave S from Lawrence Ave to Acklen Ave
  - \*5.06.07 24<sup>th</sup> Ave S from Blakemore Ave to Acklen Ave
  - \*5.06.08 Belmont Blvd from Blair Blvd to Portland Ave
  - \*5.06.09 Portland Ave from 18<sup>th</sup> Ave S to Belmont Ave
    - It has been requested that the above items with the asterisk be deferred. Commissioner Adams moved to defer. Council Member Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.
  - 5.06.05 Molloy St from 1<sup>st</sup> Ave S to 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave S
    - Director Alarcon spoke to the spacing available for 24/7 meters. Mr. Hayes property owner spoke to the commission regarding his concerns surrounding metering the spaces, and the addition of a new restaurant that would be opening soon and would most likely request a valet zone in this area. Council Member Henderson moved to approved ecommerce meters until a valet stand is applied for. Commissioner Mason seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objection.
  - 5.06.06 Magazine St from Division St to dead end
    - Director Alarcon spoke to the need for additional meters on this street. Commissioner Woods moved to approve. Council Member Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objection.
  - 5.06.10 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave S from Demonbreun to Broadway (outside existing loading zone hours)
    - Director Alarcon spoke to creating afterhours (6pm to 7am) paid parking. We are looking to do paid parking until Connect Downtown Recommendations can be implemented. Council Member Henderson is looking for vertical measures to help with sight line for crosswalks. Council Member Henderson moved to approve. Commissioner Woods seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.
  - 5.06.11 19<sup>th</sup> Ave S from Chet Atkins to Division St
    - Commissioner Woods asked for clarification on who is parking here. Director Alarcon spoke to the fact that the residents and people taking entertainment busses appear to be using the space. Council Member Henderson confirmed that putting on street parking does not preclude a future use of the space. Commissioner Woods moved to approve. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

## **6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 6.01 Public Comment Regulation Review and Approve
- Per the Tennessee open meetings ACT public chapter number 300 members of the public are invited to provide comment on matters over which the traffic parking and commission has Authority. To allow time for all members of the public who wish to speak. Each speaker's time for comment will be limited to a maximum of two minutes per person. This will provide time to comment and maintain meeting order. Members of the public must sign up at the advertised meeting location prior to the call to order period. Commissioner Tefel moved to accept the new language. Commissioner Woods seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

No new business

## **8. OTHER ITEMS**

- Commissioner Woods requested a plan for ped safety.
- Commissioner Adams spoke to a fatal hit and run that happened along Dickerson Pike. Uoli Mejia Romero was killed in a hit and run accident. Commissioner Adams is asking staff what can be done to quickly improve the intersection.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Captain Jones moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 pm.

Approved on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

**Traffic and Parking Commission Resolution No. 23-08**

- 4.01 CD 02: Mandatory referral 2023M-011AB-001 Lemuel Rd ROW abandonment.
- 4.02 CD 19: Unnumbered alley ROW Abandonment.
- 4.03 CD 25: Sharondale Drive speed reduction from Woodlawn to Hillsboro Pike.
- 5.02 CD 32: Traffic Signal at Bell Road & Arbor Commons
- 5.03 CD 19: New valet on the southwest side of 11<sup>th</sup> Ave S
- 5.05 CD 17: Loading zone at 509 Houston
- 5.06 CD Various: New metered parking spaces
  - 5.06.05 Molly St from 1<sup>st</sup> Ave S to 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave S
  - 5.06.06 Magazine Street from Division St to dead end
  - 5.06.10 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave S from Demonbreun to Broadway (outside existing loading zone hours)
  - 5.06.11 19<sup>th</sup> Ave S from Chet Atkins to Division St.

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 September 11, 2023.

**TENNESSEE NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

State of Tennessee

County of Davidson

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

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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.