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

December 11, 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

Brandon Mason (Chair), Saralee Woods (Vice Chair), Council Member Quin Evans-Segall, John Green, Feller Brown (absent), Santos Gonzales, Santi Tefel (absent), Meshach Adams, Captain Jones (MNP)

STAFF

Director Diana Alarcon, Brad Freeze, Hal Balthrop, Teresa Costonis, Erica Haber, Andrew Smith, Marcus Jackson, Emanuel Matyas, Korby Bowden, Darlene Thompson

OTHERS

CM Kupin, CM Vo, Resident Vince Romanelli, Laura Womack Executive Director for the Fairgrounds Nashville, Dan Heath Pins Mechanical, Leesa LaClaire GNHA, Gina Pepper AC Hotel, Paulo Jr Owner of Calacas Restaurant, Brandon Boatwain Laz Parking General Manager.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Brandon Mason called the meeting of December 11, 2023, to order at 3:00 p.m. Chairman Brandon Mason 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; it was seconded by Council Member Evans-Segall. The agenda was approved with no objection.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 3.1. Approval of minutes from November 13, 2023, meeting.
- Commissioner Green moved for approval of the November 13th minutes. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

4A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None



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5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 CD 26: Authorization to reduce posted speed limit from 45 mph to 40 mph on Old Hickory Blvd between the I-65 interchange and Seven Springs Way /Cloverdale Drive, requested by NDOT.

- Commissioner Woods moved to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Green. The motion was approved with no objections.

6. REGULAR AGENDA

6.1 CD 17: Authorization for an All-Way Stop at Hamilton Ave and Hagan St, requested by NDOT.

- CM Vo and resident Vince Romanelli spoke to the need for an All-Way stop at this intersection. Jason reported on the staff analysis and supported the request. Commissioner Woods moved to approve. Commissioner Green seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

6.2 CD 17: Authorization for new traffic signal at Nolensville Pike (SR 31) and Wingrove St., requested by NDOT.

- CM Vo and Laura Womack Executive Director for the Fairgrounds Nashville spoke in favor of the signal and the improved ped safety this will bring to the area. Jason Oldham spoke to warrants that were met for this location and that NDOT was in support. Commissioner Woods moved to approve. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

6.3 CD 02: Authorization for new traffic signal at Buena Vista Pike at Cliff Drive, requested by NDOT.

- Jason Oldham provided information surrounding the need for a signalized intersection and the warrants that were met. Commissioner Adams moved to approve. Council member Evans-Segall seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

6.4 CD 19: Authorization for a new 24/7 loading zone on the north side of Grundy St between 11th Ave N and 12th Ave N, requested by NDOT.

- Dan Heath with Pins Mechanical spoke to the request for a 24/7 loading zone. The original request for a loading zone has been on hold due to area construction. Diana Alarcon spoke in support of the request. Commissioner Green moved to approve. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

6.5 Valet Fee Policy update.

- Diana Alarcon requested a deferral for one month. Commissioner Woods moved to defer for one month. Commissioner Green seconded the motion. The motion to defer was approved with no objections.

6.6 CD 30: Authorization to reduce posted speed limit on Apache Trail from 40 mph to 30 mph between Haywood Ln and Packard Dr, requested by NDOT.

- Jason Oldham spoke to the need for the lowered speed limits on these special segments of the road that were not included in the previous speed reduction. Diana Alarcon also spoke to how this supports our Vision Zero efforts. Commissioner Green moved to approve. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

6.7 CD 26: Authorization to reduce posted speed limit on Hogan Rd from 35 mph to 30 mph between Franklin Pike and Darlington Dr., requested by NDOT.

- Jason Oldham spoke to the need for the lowered speed limits on these special segments of the road that were not included in the previous speed reduction. Diana Alarcon also spoke to having staff look at adding a Speed Radar sign on that stretch of road. Commissioner Green moved to approve and stated for the record that the commission is also interested in additional steps to encourage lower speeds. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

6.8 CD 19: Introduction to proposed expansion of downtown No Vending zone between Korean Veterans Blvd and Peabody St and between 8th Ave S and 9th Ave S, requested by CM Kupin.

- CM Kupin spoke in favor of expansion of the No Vending Zone. Leesa LaClaire of GNHA, Gina Pepper representative of the AC Hotel, and Paulo Jr Owner of Calacas restaurant spoke to the issues they are having regarding vendors crowding the street just outside of hotel/restaurant making patrons uneasy. Jason spoke to the need for the expansion, based on width of sidewalks. Brad Freeze spoke to the ordinance and the need for public notice. We are simply introducing the topic and once we provide appropriate public notice this will come back before commission for a vote. Additional discussions were had, Commissioner Green moved to have this item back on the January agenda and for the public to be provided sufficient notice. Commissioner Green revised his motion, that the extension of the downtown No Vending Zone be considered at the January meeting and that all appropriate notice both written and digital be provided and effected. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Woods. The motion was passed with no objections.



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7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

8. NEW BUSINESS

None

9. OTHER ITEMS

Commissioner Adams thanked NDOT and MNPD for the efforts surrounding the recent tornado.

Staff plans to provide quarterly Vision Zero updates beginning in January.

Commissioner Adams spoke to misleading QR Codes in parking garages. Director Alarcon provided clarification, stating that Metro does not use QR Codes these are private garages that are having this issue.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Captain Jones moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 pm.

Approved on the 8th day of January 2024.

Traffic and Parking Commission Resolution No. 23-12

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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 January 8, 2024.

TENNESSEE NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

State of Tennessee

County of Davidson

On this 8th day of January 2024, 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 January 2024.

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.