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

July 8, 2024

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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, Santos Gonzales (absent), Santi Tefel (absent), Neil Kornutick, Robert Gibbs, Jama Mohamed (absent), Captain Jones (MNPd)

STAFF

Diana Alarcon Brad Freeze, Teresa Costonis, Erica Haber, Andrew Smith, Ricky Rooker, Emanuel Matyas, Korby Bowden, Darlene Thompson, Brandon Boatswain Laz Parking General Manager.

OTHERS

Raphaela Rae Keohane, CM Eslick, Mina Farad of Munchies LLC, Officer Gilliland and Jack Malone with the Downtown Partnership.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Brandon Mason called the meeting of July 8, 2024, to order at 3:01 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. Council Member Evans-Segall seconded the motion. The agenda was approved with no objections.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 June 10, 2024, Meeting Minutes.

- Council Member Evans-Segall made a motion to approve; Commissioner Kornutick seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections. Saralee moved to amend subject to the correction to the end time on the minutes. Commissioner Kornutick seconded the motion. It was approved with no objections.

4A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Raphaela Rae Keohane came to speak about parking in Nashville. This individual has a non-smart phone and is unable to use a QR code to park and feels discriminated in the city called she calls home. Diana Alarcon Director of NDOT provided information surrounding parking accommodations and recent changes to the state statute. Theresa Costonis provided additional clarification.



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5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.1 CD 17: Mandatory referral 2024M-005AB-001 requesting abandonment of a portion of Alley #442 right of way, requested by Barge Civil Associates.
- 5.2 CD 17: Mandatory referral 2023M-008AB-001 requesting abandonment of a portion of Alley #187 and Brown Street right of way, requested by Barge Civil Associates.
- 5.3 CD 08: Authorization for a new traffic signal at Murfreesboro Pk/Hickory Woods Dr, requested by NDOT.
- 5.4 CD 28: Authorization for a new traffic signal at Una Antioch PK/Blue Hole Rd and Una/Antioch Pk/Hickory Hollow Pkwy, requested by NDOT.
- 5.5 CD 01: Authorization for vehicle size restrictions (No Trucks over 8T) on Knight Drive from Green Lane to Whites Creek Pk, requested by NDOT.
- 5.6 CD 02: Authorization for vehicle size restrictions (No Trucks over 8T) on Fern Ave from Brick Church Pk to Weakley Ave and on Weakley Ave from Brick Church Pk to Baptist World Center Dr., requested by NDOT.
- 5.7 CD 02, 03, 05,10: Authorization to reduce posted speed limits on Dickerson Pike from Berry St to Dry Creek Rd., requested by NDOT.
- 5.8 CD 11, 14, 15, 19: Authorization to reduce posted speed limits on Hermitage Ave/Lebanon Pk from Korean Veterans Blvd to the Wilson County line, requested by NDOT.
- 5.9 CD16: Authorization for new turn restrictions (No U-Turns for all approaches) at Thompson Ln/Briley Pkwy/E Thompson Ln/Southlake Dr., requested by NDOT.
- 5.10 CD 19: Authorization to revoke abandoned valet lane at 150 3RD Ave S and approval of new Pay Parking, requested by NDOT.
- The Commission has asked that we move the following items to regular agenda 5.4, 5.5, 5.7, and 5.8. Commissioner Woods moved to approve modified consent agenda; Council Member Evans-Segall seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

6. REGULAR AGENDA

- 5.4 CD 28: Authorization for a new traffic signal at Una Antioch PK/Blue Hole Rd and Una/Antioch Pk/Hickory Hollow Pkwy, requested by NDOT.
- Andrew Smith with NDOT provided background to this request and Brad Freeze with NDOT provided insight to the safety improvement this would provide. Commissioner Gibbs would like to see crossing gates at this location. Brad noted that this enhancement could be considered. It was double checked and determined that lights and gates are present. The commission would like to ensure that the proposed signals be operating in conjunction with the gates. Commissioner Woods moved to approve. Commissioner Gibbs seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.
- 5.5 CD 01: Authorization for vehicle size restrictions (No Trucks over 8T) on Knight Drive from Green Lane to Whites Creek Pk, requested by NDOT.
- NDOT requested this be deferred. Commissioner Woods moved to defer. Commissioner Gibbs seconded the motion. The motion was deferred with no objections.
- 5.7 CD 02, 03, 05,10: Authorization to reduce posted speed limits on Dickerson Pike from Berry St to Dry Creek Rd., requested by NDOT.
- Andrew Smith with NDOT provided background surrounding the request. Discussion was had surrounding this speed limit reductions and notifications to the public and council members. Diana Alarcon Director of NDOT provided clarification to the community engagement. Council Member Eslick spoke out against the reduction of speed limits. He spoke to the need for enforcement. Diana spoke to the Vizion Zero initiative. Commissioner Kornutick asked that the speed limit change 700ft passed Hunter Lane High School. Council Member Evans-Segall moved to approve. Commissioner Woods seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.
- 5.8 CD 11, 14, 15, 19: Authorization to reduce posted speed limits on Hermitage Ave/Lebanon Pk from Korean Veterans Blvd to the Wilson County line, requested by NDOT.
- Commissioner Woods motioned to defer one month. Council Member Evans-Segall seconded the deferral. The deferral was approved with no objections.
- 6.1 CD11: Authorization for vehicle size restrictions (No Trucks over 8T) on Bridgeway Ave from Robinson Rd to Swinging Bridge Rd, requested by CM Eslick.
- Council Member Eslick spoke to this request and to the need for this safety improvement. Commissioner Woods moved to approve. Commissioner Gibbs seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.
- 6.2 CD19: Authorization for new valet zone, approximately 111ft and effective 24/7, at 300 12th Ave S and approval of 195ft, on the east side of 12th Ave S between Pine St and Laurel St., requested by NDOT.
- Emanuel Matyas provided background to the request. Commissioner Woods moved to approve. Council Member Evans-Segall seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.



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6.3 Approval of Smart Loading Pilot Program, requested by NDOT.

- Brad Freeze asked that we defer this one month. Commissioner Woods moved to defer. Commissioner Kornutick seconded the motion. The motion was deferred with no objections.

6.4 Appeal of sidewalk encroachment permit suspension for Munchies LLC, requested by Munchies LLC.

- Mina Farad owner of Munchies LLC spoke in appeal of his notice of suspension. Officer Gilliland of MNPD spoke to the twenty citations that have been issued. Rickard Rooker with NDOT spoke to the suspension notice and right to appeal that was mailed. Theresa Costonis provided clarification to the code surrounding suspension/revocation. Discussions were had surrounding the topic. Commissioner Gibbs moved that NDOT and Mr. Farad work together to get all his citations dealt with meaning that he is on a payment plan that will be moving him toward getting these tickets paid off any violations that are repeatedly happening that they are addressed. Whether it be size of cart or visibility of permits the proper people work there. All of these things need to be address and once they are all of these people need to come back and say that everything has been taken care of, he is now in compliance with the law, he is paying his tickets, at that time the suspension can be lifted. Commissioner Woods seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

6.5 Approval of revised Valet Fee Policy, requested by NDOT.

- Emanuel Matyas with NDOT provided an overview to the edits made to the previous approved policy. He then spoke to a few clarifying edits that needed to be made to the document. Commissioner Woods moved to approve. Commissioner Gibbs seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

6.6 Approval of new Valet Operator License Policy, requested by NDOT.

- Emanuel Matyas with NDOT spoke to the history of the policy and outlined the SOP that was developed for this policy. Diana Alarcon Director of NDOT spoke to the miscommunication that took place surrounding item 7.1 at the previous meeting. Discussion was had surrounding misinformation that will not happen once this policy is in place. Per legal we also need to add the following verbiage under purpose "The traffic and parking commission is establishing the director of transportation and multimodal infrastructure department as the designee for approval of the valet operator license as per the standard operating procedure of 103.003.2024S". The commission requested a spreadsheet be provided monthly for reporting purposes, and that the last paragraph of the application be bolded. Commissioner Woods moved to approve. Commissioner Gibbs seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1 Consideration of rescinding or amending previous grant of Valet Operator License for Giarratana Parking LLC previously approved June 10, 2024.

- Diana Alarcon with NDOT and Theresa Costonis provided additional clarification surrounding the previous motion. Council Member Evans-Segall moved to rescind the previous motion. Commissioner Gibbs seconded the motion. The motion was rescinded with no objections.

7.2 Approval of new Valet Operator License for Volunteer Valet LLC (if new Valet Operator License Policy is not approved).

- Due to the passage of item 6.6, it was not necessary for this item to be discussed. NDOT as designee can act.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Approval of new parking operator subcontractor for Metro garages, requested by Nashville Downtown Partnership.

- Commissioner Woods recused herself. Jack Malone with the Downtown Partnership provided background to the selection of the new subcontractor. Discussion was had surrounding the request. Council Member Evans-Segall confirmed that the council was in favor. Council member Evans-Segall moved to approve. Commissioner Kornutick seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

9. OTHER ITEMS

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Captain Jones (MNPD) moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Approved on the 12th day of August 2024.

Traffic and Parking Commission Resolution No. 24-07

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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 August 12, 2024.

TENNESSEE NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

State of Tennessee

County of Davidson

On this 12th day of August 2024, before me personally appeared Andrew J. Smith, 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 12th day of August 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.