



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

**September 9, 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, Santi Tefel (absent), Neil Kornutick, Robert Gibbs, Jama Mohamed, Captain Jones (MNPD)

**STAFF**

Brad Freeze, Erica Haber, Phylinda Ramsey, Andrew Smith, Ricky Rooker, Emanuel Matyas, Korby Bowden, Darlene Thompson, Brandon Boatswain Laz Parking General Manager.

**OTHERS**

Council Member Kupin, Joseph Woodson with NAIOP, Dirk Melton developer in the Gulch, Charles Weingartner Vision Zero Advisory Committee, Shani Glapion with Backstage Strategies, Neil Ruffell and Earl Schreiber residents of 10<sup>th</sup> and Cheatham.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Brandon Mason called the meeting of September 9, 2024, 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. Council Member Evans-Segall seconded the motion. The agenda was approved with no objections.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3.1 August 12, 2024, Meeting Minutes.

- Commissioner Gonzales made a motion to approve; Commissioner Woods seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with no objections.

**4A. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

5.1 CD 07: Approval for Madison Blvd and Denson Ave stop sign relocation, requested by NDOT.

5.2 CD 19: Revocation of abandoned valet lane on the northwest corner of 12<sup>th</sup> Ave S & Laurel St., and authorization for new Pay Parking effective 24/7, requested by NDOT.

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## **6. REGULAR AGENDA**

6.1 CD 19: Authorization to extend the downtown sidewalk vending restriction into the Gulch, including the area bounded by Broadway, 12<sup>th</sup> Ave S, Division St., and 8<sup>th</sup> Ave S, requested by CM Kupin/NDOT/NAIOP

- Council Member Kupin, Joseph Woodson with NAIOP, and Dirk Melton with Market Street Enterprises also spoke in favor of the expanded restrictions. Chair Mason provided clarification that this was for informational purposes only, no vote would be taken at this time. Andrew Smith and Brad Freeze with NDOT provided additional information surrounding the notification processes and safety being the departments number one concern. Commissioner Kornutick would like to see how the previous changes implemented on both Broadway and the Gulch have improved pedestrian safety. Captain Jones spoke that safety needs to be the number one concern as we make these improvements and the need for consistency across the city. Council Member Evans-Segall and Commissioner Kornutick spoke to the need for improvements and clarification on vending lines at murals etc. The commission would like a comprehensive approach to be taken in the Gulch.

6.2 Approval of Phase 2 parking rate structure, requested by NDOT.

- Shani Glapion with Back Stage Strategies would like clarification on this proposal. CM Kupin spoke in support of this proposal. Emi Matyas and Brandon Boatswain with NDOT provided a presentation for how we propose to expand and improve the pay parking in Nashville. Commission suggested color coding the zones. Can we investigate a working/residential parking permit for downtown employees maybe a flat fee? Neil would like to see the percentage of available spaces in underutilized areas. Are we willing to give free hours of parking? Can we get the revenue and expenses of the parking money. Would it be possible to show beatification projects this money is funding (Monthly)? Post signage urging people to use the garage spaces that are empty. No vote needed; this will be back on the agenda next week. Neil would also like to see how LAZ is doing and if they are meeting the goals set forth.

## **7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

7.1 CD 19: A request for All Way Stop Cheatham Place & Delta Ave, Cheatham Place & 9<sup>th</sup> Ave N, and Cheatham Place & 10<sup>th</sup> Ave N, requested by CM Kupin.

- Neil Ruffell resident on Cheatham, Earl Schreiber resident on 10<sup>th</sup> Ave N in the area spoke to the need for an All-Way Stop. Council Member Kupin provided letters of support from residents in the neighborhood. Brad Freeze also spoke to the need for improvements to the area, proposing a tactical urbanism approach. Council Member Evans-Segall was not comfortable with the lack of action on safety measures. Andrew Smith with NDOT provided his findings. Discussions were had surrounding this request. Commissioner Woods stated that pedestrian safety needed to be our primary concern and sometimes residents of an area have insight that outsiders may not. Commissioner Kornutick moved for a deferral to the November meeting. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the deferral. Council Member Evans-Segall and Commissioner Woods objected. Please provide overview of what it looks like to get a stop sign in the city (start to finish). Documentation and data surrounding unwarned stop signs and how they are monitored as well as a list of all the times we were sued due to an unwarranted stop sign.

7.2 CD 11, 14, 15, 19: Updated discussion on reducing posted speed limits on Hermitage Ave/Lebanon Pk from Korean Veterans Blvd to the Wilson County line, requested by NDOT.

- Brad Freeze provided an update to the education that is currently being had and the engagement plan has been developed. Charles Weingartner with the Vision Zero Advisory Committee read a formal letter of support for this speed limit reduction. Extensive discussions were had surrounding the time frame for lowering the speed limit and the specified segments of the corridor and the need for community engagement meeting. Council Member Evans-Segall supports the deferral and feels that the public/community engagement meetings are necessary and would like to keep our word, to keep community trust. Commissioner Kornutick voted against the deferral before and would vote against it again. Captain Jones feels we should keep our word; we should do what we promised and approve in its entirety. Community needs to trust us. Neil would like the meeting scheduled regardless of a Council Member presence. Council Member Evans-Segall moved to defer one month. Gonzales seconded the deferral. Commissioner Kornutick objected to the deferral.

7.3 Munchies LLC. Update

- Ricky Rooker provided an update. Munchies LLC is following all guidelines and in good standing. The commission stated that this item is no longer needed on the agenda.



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**8. NEW BUSINESS**

8.1 NDOT report on waiving parking fees

- Andrew Smith with NDOT provided an update of events approved for waived parking fees. Commissioner Kornutick would like the policy.
  - 4<sup>th</sup> of July
  - New Year's Eve
  - Homeless Outreach on the Gay Street Connector

**9. OTHER ITEMS**

9.1 Vision Zero data summary

- This information will come monthly, and the Vision Zero coordinator will resume coming quarterly.

9.2 Valet operator license summary

- None to report.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Captain Jones (MNPDP) moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:38PM.

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Approved on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024.

**Traffic and Parking Commission Resolution No. 24-09**

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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 October 14, 2024.

**TENNESSEE NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

State of Tennessee

County of Davidson

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

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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.