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

October 14, 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 (absent), Santos Gonzales (absent), Santi Tefel (absent), Neil Kornutick, Robert Gibbs, Jama Mohamed, Captain Jones (MNPd)

STAFF

Diana Alarcon, Brad Freeze, Derek Hagerty, Erica Haber, Phylinda Ramsey, Andrew Smith, Ricky Rooker, Emanuel Matyas, Korby Bowden, Darlene Thompson, Brandon Boatwain Laz Parking General Manager.

OTHERS

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Brandon Mason called the meeting of October 14, 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. Commissioner Mohamed seconded the motion. The agenda was approved with no objections.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 September 9, 2024, Meeting Minutes.

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

4A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Rachel Blackhurst Director of Government Affairs NAIOP – Speaking on item 7.3 in favor of the vending map update as vending in the right of way in the Gluch is making a negative impacting brick and mortar businesses in the area. A petition was provided that contained 100+ signatures in favor of the new restrictions.
- Dirk Melton with Market Street Enterprise – Speaking on item 7.3 We are experiencing some growing pains in the Gulch and are in support of clearing the right of way and support the no vending initiative.
- Janet Barker VP of Strategic Development with the Downtown Partnership – Speaking on item 7.3 Based on the similarities between the foot traffic in the Gulch and CBD we support the expansion of the restricted area in the Gulch.
- Lisa LeClaire President/CEO of the Greater Nashville Hospitality Association – Speaking on item 7.3 Came to speak out in favor of the proposed restrictions in the Gulch area.
- Jeff Eslick Council Member District 11 Old Hickory – Is against item 7.2 the speed limit reduction on Hermitage Ave/Lebanon Pike from Korean Veterans Blvd to the Wilson County Line. He would like to see more enforcement of the current law before we make new laws and reevaluate the data and try to go from there.



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5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 CD 02: Authorization for new Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon near 2500 Clarksville Pike, requested by NDOT.

5.2 CD 18: Authorization for new one-way traffic configuration on Love Circle, requested by NDOT.

5.3 CD 19: Authorization to replace existing Taxi Stand with new time limited Passenger Loading/Unloading Only and for new Permit Bus Parking Only (11AM-1PM / 7 Days) with Pay Parking during all other hours for the east side of Rep John Lewis Way between Demonbreun St and Korean Veterans Blvd, requested by NDOT.

5.4 CD 17: Authorization for new Residential Permit parking at 477 Chestnut St. requested by resident.

- Commissioner Kornutick requested that items 5.3 and 5.4 be moved to regular agenda. Commissioner Woods moved to approve the adjusted consent agenda. Commissioner Gibbs seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

6. REGULAR AGENDA

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- Andrew Smith with NDOT provided background to the request. Commissioner Kornutick asked some questions regarding additional buss parking. Director Alarcon provided additional information surrounding how this space can be used as a shared space as we move to connect downtown. Additional aerial images would be helpful for these requests going forward. Chair Mason would like an update at the January meeting sharing lessons learned, what is working and what isn't. Commissioner Woods moved to approve. Commissioner Gibbs seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

5.4 CD 17: Authorization for new Residential Permit parking at 477 Chestnut St. requested by resident.

- Emanuel Matyas with NDOT spoke to the request. Commissioner Kornutick questioned this request. Director Alarcon with NDOT spoke to the fact that even though this property is nonconforming, he needs parking, he applied and met all the requirements. Commissioner Kornutick would like to know how many residential parking spaces are in the county. Commissioner Kornutick would like to defer one month. Discussions were had surrounding the request. Commissioner Kornutick would like to see other examples of where this has happened. He would like to see additional outreach to others on the street. Chair Mason sought legal advice; it was confirmed that no negative action would happen if we deferred the request. Commissioner Kornutick would like a clearly defined the area for this permit. Commissioner Kornutick renewed his motion to defer one month. Commissioner Gibbs seconded the motion. The motion was deferred for one month with no objections.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1 Approval of expanded metered parking rate structure, requested by NDOT.

- Emanuel Matyas provided an overview and provided an example of the new proposed parking signage. Commissioner Mohamed asked for the website to be displayed he stated that QR codes are unsafe. Commissioner Gibbs would like us to ensure that security requirements are met with the QR code and to ensure incentives are made for downtown workers. It was stated that garages have monthly parking packages. Commissioner Woods moved to approve. Social Media team will be sharing the message for the new parking structure. Chair Mason would like updates as we make changes to these areas. Diana suggested a Quartey report. Commissioner Mohamed moved to approve. Commissioner Gibbs seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

7.2 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.

- Andrew Smith with NDOT provided an amendment to NDOT's request. We are looking for an approval on Lebanon Pike/Hermitage from KVB to Donelson Pike and would like to defer Donelson Pike to the Wilson County Line to December. Brad Freeze with NDOT spoke to the communication and partnership with MNPD. Commissioner Woods moved to approve the speed limit reduction on Lebanon Pike/Hermitage from KVB to Donelson Pike and move to defer the from Donelson Pike to the Wilson County Line to the December meeting. Commissioner Mohamed seconded the motion. Commissioner Kornutick questioned the proposed speed limit reductions. The motion was approved with no objections. Commissioner Woods withdrew her motion. Commissioner Kornutick seconded the motion. The motion was withdrawn with no objections. Chair Mason proposed the authorize the posted speed limits reduction on Lebanon Pike/Hermitage Blvd from KVB to the Wilson County Line. Hermitage Ave from KVB to Lebanon Pike to 25 Mph, Lebanon Pike from Hermitage Ave to Spence Lane 35 Mph, Lebanon Pike from Spence Lane to Briley Parkway 40 Mph, Lebanon Pike from Briley Parkway to Donelson 35 Mph, asking to defer two months on Lebanon Pike from Donelson to Wilson County Line Commissioner Woods moved to approve the speed limit reduction on Hermitage/Lebanon Pike from KVB to Donelson Pike and defer the discussion to the December meeting from Donelson Pike to the Wilson County Line. Commissioner Mohamed seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Commissioner Kornutick objected.



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

- Andrew Smith with NDOT spoke to this request and provided images of the area showing the limited space to vend. Discussions were had surrounding the New East Bank Subdistrict and the legality of vending in that area. Commissioner Kornutick would like to see a map that outlines where vending can legally happen. Commissioner Kornutick would also like to know how many of the various vending permits NDOT has issued. Commissioner Kornutick moved to defer one month. Commissioner Mohamed seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

7.4 Smart Loading Pilot update

- Brent Schultz with NDOT provided a Smart Loading presentation, a brief discussion was had surrounding the topic.

7.5 Cheatham Place All-way Stop appeal.

- Derek Hagerty with NDOT provided background surrounding the tactical urbanism we recently installed in lieu of an All-way stop. Commissioner Kornutick moved to uphold the recommendation. Commissioner Mohamed seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. OTHER ITEMS

9.1 Stop Sign Policy

- Andrew Smith with NDOT spoke to this policy.

9.2 Valet operator license summary

- 717 Parking Enterprise, effective 10/1/2024

9.3 Vision Zero Summary

- Diana Alarcon provided an update on where we are year to date.

9.4 Veterans Day – November meeting

- It is proposed that the November 11th meeting be shifted to Tuesday, November 12th at 1:30. Commissioner Mohamed moved to approve. Commissioner Kornutick seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Captain Jones (MNPd) moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:53PM.

Approved on the 12th day of November 2024.

Traffic and Parking Commission Resolution No. 24-10

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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 November 12, 2024.

TENNESSEE NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

State of Tennessee

County of Davidson

On this 12th day of November 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 November 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.