

MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION
February 14, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Traffic and Parking Commission was held at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, February 14, 2011, at the M H Howard Conference Center. The following were present unless noted otherwise:

Commission Members

Richard Fletcher, Vice Chairperson
Feller Brown
Breonus Mitchell Sr. Absent
Kathy Austin
Gene Ward

Richard Morin
John Green
Capt. Randall Hickerson
Council Member Carl Burch

Staff Members

Korby Bowden, Engineering Tech II
Corey Harkey, Legal Advisor
Julie Herring, CNT
Chip Knauf, Traffic Engineer

Mark Macy, Engineering Director
Diane Marshall, Parking Administrator
Benny Word, Collier Engineering

Council Members

Council Member Duane Dominy
Council Member Walter Hunt

Council Member Carter Todd
Council Member Vivian Wilhoite

Guests

Curt Acuff
Aaron Powell

Richard Schellhardt Jr.
Elizabeth Stalnaker

Vice Chair Richard Fletcher called the meeting of February 14, 2011 to order at 3:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Fletcher mentioned Ordinance No. BL2006-1050 regarding the appeals process of the Traffic and Parking Commission.

"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."

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Dick Morin moved for **approval** of the Agenda, seconded by Mr. John Green and **approved with no opposition.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Gene Ward stated that he had two amendments to the February minutes. He stated that at the meeting about the green vehicles the Commission specified that the enforcement would only be for the central business district, which includes approximately 700 parking meters and expands from the river to the gulch. He also stated that the time limit for the decal will be the same as the time limit on the meter and not for all day.

Mr. Fletcher clarified that that was stated in the ordinance.

Mr. Knauf stated that the CBD limits, meter time limits are written in the ordinance and will make sure that everything is clear in the ordinance.

Mr. Feller Brown moved for approval of the November 8, 2010 Minutes, seconded by Mr. Dick Morin **approved by voice vote with no opposition.**

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Chair Richard Fletcher read a list of items proposed for **approval** on consent agenda.

1. RESOLUTION 11-02: - **consent agenda**

- Authorize new traffic signals at
 - Harding Pike at Old Harding Pike
 - Harding Pike at Vossland / Percy Werner Blvd
 - Owendale Dr. and Hamilton Church Rd.
 - 31st Ave N and Park Plaza
 - 28th Ave N and Unnamed Rd. 500' S of Charlotte Ave
- Authorize All Way Stop on
 - Elliston St at 15th Street
 - Wheeler Ave at Sabre Dr.
 - Hamilton Ave at Fort Negley Blvd- *Change in records only*
- Authorize Stop on
 - Kimsaw Dr. at Morning Wood Lane- *Change in records only*
 - Lane Court at Lane Drive
- Install taxi stand on

- 160 2nd Ave N from 6pm-8am
- 4th Ave N at Church St. from 6pm-6am
- 4th Ave S at Broadway from 6pm-6am
- McGavock at 12th Ave S from 6pm-6am
- Authorize Valet Parking at
 - 1200 Villa Place from 11AM-2PM and 6PM-Midnight
 - 2119 Belcourt Ave from 11AM-2PM and 5PM-Midnight
 - 322 Broadway from 4PM-Midnight M-F and 11AM-2AM Sat-Sun
- Modify Speed Limit on
 - Whites Creek from Lloyd Rd to Old Hickory Blvd from 50 to 40 MPH
 - Foster Ave from Glenrose Ave to Whitsett Rd from 35 to 30 MPH
 - Edmondson Pike from 2000 ft N of Old Hickory Blvd to Williamson County line from 40 mph to 35mph.
- Authorize No Parking or Standing on the north side of Morena St to 500' east of 21st Ave N
- Authorize No Parking or Standing on both sides of Darlene Dr. from 7AM-9AM and 2PM-4PM school days only
- Install 2 hour parking meters on both sides of Belcourt Ave. from 21st Ave to 24th Ave S
- Modify Loading Zone signs in front of 417 Broadway to a 24 hour Loading Zone
- Remove Truck Restriction on Glenrose Ave Nolensville to Foster Ave- *Change in records only*

REPORTS

1. Parking – *on consent agenda*
2. Engineering – *on consent agenda*
3. Accepted Roadway Report– *on consent agenda*

Council Member Walter Hunt wanted to thank the commission for granting the speed limit change on whites creek. He would like to amend the request and extend the 40 mph speed limit modification to go all the way to Briley Parkway. He stated that there is a new subdivision going in and it would be very beneficial.

Mr. Knauf stated that he would like the traffic and parking staff to take a look at the extension before making a recommendation to the commission.
Council Member Hunt agreed with Mr. Knauf.

Ms. Vivian Wilhoite wanted to thank the traffic staff for making the decision to approve the traffic signal at Owendale Dr. and Hamilton Church Rd.

Mr. Dick Morin made a motion to approve seconded by Mr. Brown and **approved by a 8-0 hand vote.**

NEW BUSINESS

APPEALS

1. Appeal the request to remove No Right Turn on Red on Abbott Martin at Hillsboro Circle, requested by Council Member Carter Todd.

Mr. Knauf stated that this intersection has a no right on red for eastbound Abbott Martin at Hillsboro Circle. Over time, Metro Public Work has had several request to remove the prohibition, however, the Green Hills Apartments requested it stay up for the safety of their residents. Since the installation of the No Right on Red, Metro Public Works has re-phased the lights and installed protected pedestrian crossings and signage. to let drivers know to yield to pedestrians. From an engineering standpoint it is ok to remove, but wanted to bring in front of Commission to make that decision.

Mr. Fletcher opened the meeting up to a public meeting.

Council Member Todd stated that he is trying to implement some minor changes to help with the flow of Green Hills traffic. He stated that removing this no right on red would be very beneficial to the Green Hills traffic. This intersection does not have an accident history, and that if need be the sign can always go back up.

Ms. Austin asked Council Member Todd if the residents were aware of this sign coming down.

Council Member Todd said that the residents, including Green Hills apartments, are aware and they have attended the meetings held about the removal of this sign and are in agreement on the approval.

Mr. Morin asked if there were wait and walk signals up at this crossing.

Mr. Knauf confirmed that it was a fully protected crossing.

Council Member Burch made a motion to approve seconded by Mr. Morin and **approved by a 8-0 voice vote.**

2. Appeal the denial to remove all way stop at Una Antioch and Apollo Dr., requested by Curt Acuff.
3. Appeal the denial of an all way stop at Apollo Drive and Jason Drive, requested by Curt Acuff.

Mr. Knauf recommended that we hear appeal two, and three together. Mr. Knauf stated that Public Works received this request from Mr. Curt Acuff. Mr. Acuff requested that we remove the stop sign at Una Antioch and Apollo dr. Mr. Knauf said that this intersection was put in through an appeal and needs to be taken out by Commission.

Mr. Knauf said that this intersection does not meet warrants for an all way stop. He also said that the traffic volume warrants are not met on Apollo Dr. at Jason Dr and there is a clean accident history at this intersection, therefore we do not recommend a stop sign at this location.

Mr. Acuff stated his name and address. He states that he has lived on Apollo Dr for 5 years and has friends who have lived there for 20 plus years. He said what has happened it that they have built all the other residential communities like Nashboro Village and Smith Springs and over the past 20 years this area has really developed. He states that he had a petition signed with everyone that wants something done with Apollo Dr. He said that there is a middle school and an elementary school less than a quarter mile on both sides of Apollo Dr. He states that all those people trying to get to and from those schools use these streets as a cut through. Mr. Acuff said that there have been two accidents on Apollo Dr. in the last week one of which was a fatality, he and other neighbors have had their mailboxes and fences taken down when these vehicles wreck. He expressed his concern that something needs to be done on Apollo Dr. He states that Public Works needs to put in some stop signs so people will not use this as a cut through anymore.

Council Member Burch wants to clarify Mr. Acuff's request.

Mr. Acuff explains why he wants the stop sign removed at Una Antioch. He states that it gives more convenience for cut through people.

Council Member Burch asked Mr. Knauf what he thought about leaving the stop sign at Una Antioch and adding the other stop sign at Apollo and Jason Dr.

Mr. Knauf stated that it would be his preference to leave the stop sign at Una Antioch and install an all way stop internally on Apollo Dr. Mr. Knauf says if the community is still having speeding issues, we can come back and maybe add a second stop sign or maybe even remove the convenience stop sign at Una Antioch.

Council Member Burch states that he is always hesitant to remove a stop sign that has been in place for a while. He states that people are use to stopping and people coming off the side streets are used to the people on the main road stopping.

Mr. Richard Shelheart states that he lives on Apollo Dr and he disagrees with Mr. Acuff about removing the stop sign at Una Antioch, although he says that there is a serious problem on Apollo and there needs to be some sort of traffic control. He said that he has had several cars wreck in his yard and that Public Works needs to work on a solution. He says that the fire hydrant has been replace 4 times in the last 12 months.

Council Member Dominy states that there is a lot of frustration with these appeals. He states that he does not agree with the Una Antioch stop signs being removed for the safety of the citizens. He states that there has been talk about a traffic calming plan being put together. He said that in Mr. Shelhearts petition he also requested a traffic

calming plan. He said that there may be a better location than Jason Dr. for this stop sign on Apollo Dr. that he would like us to take a look at it.

Mr. Brown states that he thinks it would be more beneficial to put the stop sign closer to Una Antioch to slow down cars. Mr. Brown asked Mr. Knauf what his thoughts were on this.

Mr. Knauf said that he would prefer to put the stop sign more towards the middle to help slow the cars down on that road. Mr. Knauf stated he met with Mr. Acuff and that they came up with a few intersections on Apollo Dr. where they can install a stop sign. He states that if we move the location of the stop sign, we need to put it on the agenda and defer this to next month's meeting.

Council Member Dominy wants to recommend that we incorporate this into a traffic calming plan to be presented to the commission within the next month.

Council Member Burch states that he is ok with doing that

Mr. Benny Word states that when he met with the Council Member and the community about Apollo, they were not very interested in the traffic calming, they wanted to cut that road off in its entirety and that is not part of the traffic calming program. Mr. Word said that they did offer striping and other minor changes and they were not interested in that at the time. Mr. Word agreed to work with Mr. Knauf and the Council Member to create a traffic calming plan for the next meeting.

Ms. Austin stated that we needed to defer the appeal for the stop sign at Apollo Dr. and Jason Dr. and that we would need to deny the removal of the stop sign at Apollo and Una Antioch and then we can modify the changes for the stop sign on Apollo Dr. for next month's meeting.

Council Member Dominy agreed with the denial of removing the stop sign at Una Antioch.

Ms. Austin made a motion to ***defer the appeal of the denial of the stop sign at Apollo and Jason Dr. for 30 days*** seconded by Mr. Morin and approved by a ***8-0 voice vote***.

Council Member Burch made a motion to ***deny the appeal to remove the stop sign on Apollo at Una Antioch***, seconded by Mr. Morin and approved by a ***8-0 voice vote***.

New Business

1. **Proposal No. 2011M-001AB-001** Request to abandon a portion of 28th Ave N. Requested by ABP TN (Nashville) LLC.

Mr. Knauf stated that the 28th Ave Connector is planned for the area, and there is a need to abandon that property in order to put in the new roadway.

Mr. Green made a motion *to approve*, seconded by Council Member Burch and *approved by a 8-0 hand vote*.

Resolution No. 11-02: The August monthly regulatory Resolution was previously approved under the Consent Agenda and Other Business

Traffic and Parking Commission Resolution No. 11-02 authorized by Chapter 9 of the Charter of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee as amended.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Traffic and Parking Commission of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee as follows:

SECTION I: That Chapter 12 of said Metropolitan Code, said Chapter being entitled 'Vehicles and Traffic' is amended as follows:

5. Schedule V, 'Through Streets'

DELETE:

Woodlawn Dr from Estes Av to Memphis-Bristol Hy

ADD:

Woodlawn Dr from Estes Ave to Ridgefield Dr

6. Schedule VI, 'Stop and Yield Intersections'

DELETE:

Stop on Woodlawn Dr at Ridgefield Dr

ADD:

Stop on Barnes Bend Drive at Barnes Road

Stop on Blue Hole Court at Blue Hole Way

Stop on Blue Hole Way at Blue Hole Rd

Stop on Calder Court at Barnes Bend Drive

Stop on Commanche Run at Nawaka Trail

Stop on Crete Trail at Commanche Run

Stop on Crete Trail at Ocoee Trail

Stop on Executive Way at Constitution Ave

Stop on Green Timbers Drive at Old Hickory Blvd

Stop on Green Trails Court at Green Trails Drive

Stop on Green Trails Dr at Green Timbers Dr

Stop on Kiowa Trail N Intersection at Commanche Run

Stop on Kiowa Trail S Intersection at Commanche Run

Stop on Long Branch at Terragon Trails

Stop on Michigan Ave at Alameda St

Stop on Roman Dr at Garrison Dr

Stop on Shabnam Drive at Green Timbers Drive
Stop on Shabnam Drive at Green Trails Court
Stop on Thistle Lane at Barnes Bend Drive
Stop on Tintop Court at Barnes Bend Drive
All Way Stop on Woodlawn Dr at Ridgefield Dr
All Way Stop on Brookfield Dr. at Heady Dr.

7. Schedule VII, 'Parking Restrictions'

Section A: Stopping, Standing, or Parking Prohibited

DELETE:

Morena St, south side from 18th Av N to 21st Av N, NP 7AM-6PM

ADD:

1st Ave N, east side from Woodland St to Broadway, NPOS

Hillman Place, east side from Swinging Bridge Rd. to 600' S of Swinging Bridge Rd, NPOS

Tidwell Rd, both sides from Old Hickory Blvd to 300' E of OHB, No Parking Any Time

Two Rivers Court, both sides from Two Rivers Pkwy to 1300' S of Two Rivers Pkwy, No Parking or Standing

Section C: Curb Parking

ADD:

9th Av S, west side from McGavock St to Demonbreun St, Police Parking Only

Belcourt Av, east side from 19th Av S to 21st Av S, 2 hour parking

9. Schedule IX, 'Limitations on Size of Vehicles'

Section A: Prohibit Vehicles in Excess of 5000 Pounds

DELETE:

Glenrose Av from Nolensville Road to Foster Av

ADD:

Glenrose Av from Foster Av to Thompson Ln

10. Schedule X, 'Loading Zones'

Section B: Public

DELETE:

SECTION II. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be published in a daily newspaper in Metropolitan Nashville/Davidson County, Tennessee and that a certified copy be filed with the Chief of Police of the Metropolitan Police Department, and that a certified copy be filed with the Metropolitan clerk, and that said Resolution take effect five (5) days thereafter.

APPROVED: February 14, 2011

EFFECTIVE: February 19, 2011

The above mentioned Resolution items were previously approved under the Consent Agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS

Elections.

Mr. Knauf states that we will be voting for the Chair and Vice Chair and Mr. Macy will be the Chair for the nominations.

Nominations of Mr. Gene Ward and Mr. Richard Fletcher

Mr. Macy states that there is a 4-4 tie between Mr. Gene Ward and Mr. Richard Fletcher.

Ms. Harkey stated that's why we depend on the 9th person to break a tie. We can motion to defer until we have the entire commission.

Mr. Feller Brown makes a motion to defer the elections until the next meeting, seconded by Council Member Burch and **approve by 8-0 voice vote.**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Capt. Hickerson moved to **adjourn**, seconded by Green **approved by voice vote with no opposition.** The meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Approved on this the 14th day of March, 2011.



Director
Department of Public Works



Chairperson
Traffic and Parking Commission