

MINUTES  
OF THE MEETING OF THE  
TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION  
October 10, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Traffic and Parking Commission was held at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, October 10, 2011, at the Sonny West Conference Center. The following were present unless noted otherwise:

Commission Members

Gene Ward, Chairperson  
Feller Brown  
Breonus Mitchell Sr - Absent  
Richard Morin

Steven Turner  
Sgt. Robert Sheffield  
John Green  
Brenda Sanderson

Staff Members

Chip Knauf, Traffic Engineer  
Jenny Howard, Legal Advisor  
Korby Bowden, Engineering Tech II

Benny Word, Collier Engineering  
Diane Marshall, Parking Administrator  
Julie Herring, CNT

Council Members

Council Member Phil Claiborne, Dist 15

Council Member Karen Johnson, Dist 29

Guests

As noted in minutes

Chairperson Gene Ward called the meeting of October 10, 2011 to order at 3:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Gene Ward 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. Morin moved for **approval** of the Agenda, seconded by Mr. Green and **approved with no opposition**.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Morin moved for **approval** of the September 12, 2011 Minutes, seconded by Mr. Green and **approved by voice vote with no opposition**.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairperson Ward read a list of items proposed for **approval** on the consent agenda. Mr. Green made a motion to **approve**, seconded by Council Member Harrison and **approved with no opposition**.

## APPEALS

1. Request to appeal the all way stop at Knobview Dr. and Lumar Lane. Requested by Phil Mitchell.

Mr. Knauf stated that this request was approved at commission in July and recommends that the appeal be deferred 3 months so Public Works can do another traffic study at this location.

Mr. Phil Mitchell stated that he requested the appeal and has resided in this neighborhood for 54 years. Mr. Mitchell noted that the installation of an all way stop at this location could potentially be dangerous.

Mr. Frank Trew is the President of the Lincoya Hills neighborhood association and also a resident of Knobview Dr. He states that this is a safety issue, and a constant hazard to pedestrians and vehicles. He noted that he has a petition with eighty signatures for the stop sign and two against the stop sign.

Mr. Ward asked how many blocks Mr. Mitchell lives from the stop sign.

Mr. Mitchell responded that he lives 3 blocks away.

Mr. Harper said he lives about 25 feet away from the new all way stop. He states that he has sat with a metro police officer and watched as he clocked vehicles coming down the hill. He stated that cars were coming down as fast as 62 mph and expressed his concerns for safety in a residential neighborhood. He said that traffic has been cut in half since the placement of the stop sign.

Mr. Richard Mehafey stated that he lives on Lumar Lane and that in his time living there he has seen more than 10 wrecks at this intersection. He states that he is in favor of keeping this stop sign.

Council Member Phil Claiborne stated that he is neutral in this matter. He noted that residents seemed pleased on the cut back in traffic.

Mr. Brown made a recommendation to **defer until January 2012**, seconded by Council Member Harrison and **approved with no opposition**.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Request all way stop at Wilson Blvd and Roland Ave.

Council Member Jason Holleman stated that MBA has been discussing a stop sign with the neighborhood since pre construction of the parking garage. He noted that when the parking garage was constructed it created a 4-way intersection that did not previously exist. He said that this stop sign has the support of nearby neighbors and MBA.

Mr. Knauf stated that he is in agreement that an all way stop is needed at this location.

Mr. Green made a motion to **approve**, seconded by Council Member Harrison and **approved with no opposition**.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. Mobile Food Vending**

Commissioner Ward noted that there will be no decisions made today.

Commissioner Sanderson recused herself from the discussion and vote on this topic.

Mr. Knauf requested this be deferred on behalf of the Tennessee Hospitality Association. He noted that a copy of the draft regulations are posted on the Public Works web site and that there is a possibility that Council may present an ordinance that would relieve Public Works of introducing regulations at this time.

Mr. Steven Turner asked if there has been any discussion about a designated area for mobile vending.

Mr. Knauf stated that designated areas have been discussed, however, that may be a second phase after the regulations get sorted out.

Mr. BJ Lofback noted that the association is a bit discouraged and that the regulations somewhat favor the brick and mortar business versus safety. He would like to meet with Public Works and the Commissioners to further discuss the regulations.

Mr. Morin made a motion to **defer for one month**, seconded by Mr. Green and **approved with no opposition**.

### **2. Request to appeal the denial of all way stop at Carnavon Parkway and Clearbrook Dr. Requested by Council Member Emily Evans, District 23. Deferred from September 12, 2011.**

Council Member Evans was not present at this meeting.

Commissioner Ward asked for a motion.

Mr. Word stated that he would like to recommend installation of this stop sign.

Mr. Brown made a motion to **approve**, seconded by Ms. Sanderson and **approved with no opposition**.

## **Appeals**

### **2. Request to appeal the denial of a traffic signal at Smith Springs Rd and Castlegate Dr. Requested by Council Member Karen Johnson, District 29**

Council Member Karen Johnson stated she is representing District 29. She states that this has been requested several times and there have been numerous traffic studies. She asked that given the change in population and traffic congestion that a traffic signal be considered on Smith Springs Rd at Castlegate Dr.

Ms. Cynthia Durkson stated she is a resident of Castlegate Dr. and goes to work this way. She states that it is difficult to pull out of this intersection and is very dangerous. She said that it a huge traffic jam in the mornings.

Mr. Isaac Bar stated that he is a resident of Castlegate. He noted that he added a driveway so he can exit off of Smith Springs Rd. rather than exit off Castlegate Dr. Mr. Bar stated that he witnessed a fatal car accident, and doesn't want it to happen to anyone else.

Mr. Knauf agreed that there is a limited sight distance to the left due to the curve at this location. He stated at there is a high volume of traffic during the AM peak hours, however, still not enough to meet warrants. Public Works recommends it remain as is.

Mr. Green asks if this is an offset intersection.

Mr. Knauf replies that it is.

Mr. Green asked what year does the State plan to widen Smith Springs Rd.

Council Member Johnson said that it is on the capital improvement plan but has not been funded. She said it is still in the planning stages.

Mr. Morin stated that his concern is safety.

Ms. Sanderson addressed the commissioners and noted that are three Council Members actively involved in this and feels their concern is safety. She stated that she would like to see this pass due to safety.

Council Member Harrison made a motion to **approve**, seconded Mr. Morin and **approved with no opposition.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

2. **Proposal No. 2011M- 011AB-001-** A request to abandon a portion of 12<sup>th</sup> Ave S including all utility easements within portion of right-of-way adjacent to property located at 2516 12<sup>th</sup> Ave S, at requested by Paul McRedmond, Owner.

Mr. Benny Word stated that Council Member Sandra Moore would like to defer this one month

Mr. Morin made a motion to **defer one month**, seconded by Mr. Turner and **approved with no opposition.**

## 3. **Resolution 11-10:**

- Modify speed limit on Newsome Station Rd from 30mph to 35 mph
- Authorize valet stands at:
  - Puckett's Grocery on the west side of 5th Ave N at Church St from 6pm – 12am.
  - The Standard on the west side of Rosa Parks Blvd from Church St to Commerce from 6pm – 12am.

## **REPORTS**

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

**The resolution was approved.**

Traffic and Parking Commission Resolution No. 11-10 authorized by Chapter 9 of the Charter of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee as amended

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

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

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: October 10, 2011

EFFECTIVE: October 15, 2011

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

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Sgt. Robert Sheffield moved to ***adjourn***, seconded by Mr. Morin and ***approved by voice vote with no opposition***. The meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

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

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Director  
Department of Public Works

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Chairperson  
Traffic and Parking Commission