



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

June 12, 2023

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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

John Green (Chair), Saralee Woods, Council Member Angie Henderson, Feller Brown (absent), Brandon Mason, Santi Tefel, Meshach Adams, Santos Gonzales (absent), Captain Raymond Jones (MNPD)

STAFF

Deputy Director Brad Freeze, Jason Oldham, Marcus Jackson, Brandon Boatwain, Marty Swell, Teresa Costonis, Erica Haber, Andrew Smith, Korby Bowden, Darlene Thompson

OTHERS

Peter Greaves

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman John Green called the meeting of June 12, 2023, to order at 3:00 p.m. Chairman John Green 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."

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- 2.01. Commissioner Woods moved for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Tefel seconded the motion.
- The agenda was approved with no objections.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 3.01. Approval of minutes from the May 15, 2023, meeting.
- Commissioner Woods moved for approval of the June 12, 2023, minutes. Commissioner Tefel seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- 4.01. CD22: Authorization to reduce posted speed limit on US Hwy 70S between Saddle Ridge Court and US Highway 70 (Charlotte Pike) from 50mph to 40 mph, SR 1641058.
- Commissioner Mason moved to Approve. Commissioner Tefel seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.01. Events needing Metro Employee Assistance.

- Jason Oldham gave some background on the request. We have two events Music City July 4th Celebration and John Lewis Way Procession in which we are requesting approval to wave meter fees. Marcus Jackson Parking Manager NDOT and Brandon Boatswain General Manager on Street were available for questions. Commissioner Woods moved to approve. Commissioner Tefel seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

5.02. CD19: Authorization to revoke existing valet lane and replacement with new ride share parking regulation at 501 Commerce Street, requested by NDOT, SR 1711956.

- Jason Oldham provided an update to the existing use of the space and explained that this was no longer needed and that we would just be extending an existing ride share lane. Further discussion was had regarding how this was related to the Connect Downtown study. Jason elaborated that in this corridor we had some draft recommendation come out of the Connect Downtown Study and would like to make this adjustment to the lane to align with the recommendation. The motion was approved with no objections.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.01. Residential Parking Policy.

- Marcus Jackson Parking Manager of NDOT provided an update to the policy request asking that we allow additional permits to be issued for those that need in home care services. Mr. Peter Greaves a resident of Nashville spoke to his concern regarding the policy and the process by which a petition must be supported and submitted by the Council Member. Teresa Costonis reviewed and shared code associated with the policy. Commissioner Tefel made a motion to approve the change in letter I of the policy. Council Member Henderson requested some clarification/editing to the policy prior to posting and supports Commissioner Tefel's motion. Commissioner Tefel would like to withdrawal his original motion. His new motion is to defer for one month with the intent that staff would review the code with legal making sure that we can solve this issue and be sure to include some of the neighborhood concerns that have been presented today. Council Member Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was deferred with no objections.

6.02. Overview of smart metered parking and clarification of 24/7 parking changes.

- Marcus Jackson requested the ability to act in emergency situations to adjust enforcement time in specific areas when the need presents. Discussions were had regarding customizing the program and establishing best practices. It is expected that we will be coming back with policy adjustments as the program matures.

6.03. Connect Downtown Update.

- Marty Sewell provided an update to the Connect Downtown study showing the preferred transit priority corridor. Showing how as we look at these layers, we can work towards recommendations that will accommodate all. We are working on piecing and testing all of recommendations and evaluating the scenarios. We will also identify the phasing and funding considerations. The hope is we will be able to implement some quick builds as we work toward the bigger picture. The goal is to make downtown safer.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.01. Sidewalk vending & new TN law regulating hemp derived cannabinoids.

- Jason Oldham provided an update to a state law, and how it relates to sidewalk vending. A discussion as also had regarding sidewalk permitting to NDOT July 1, 2023.

7.02. Update on Metro Library garage.

- Brad Freeze gave an update to the parking garage that was recently closed. He explained that we are being through with the review of the engineering process. Testing is taking place to determine the structural issue and the best method of repair. We have about 389 spaces still closed.

Council Member Henderson suggested that we encourage people to use public transit during this time.

7.03. Changes to State Law.

- Teresa Costonis spoke regarding Changes to State Law. Effective July 1st we are now required to have a comment period at some point during every open meeting. You are allowed to set parameters to this "comment period". The second change is each agenda with meeting items for discussion must be sent out 48 prior to the meeting. This is being brought to our attention today so that we can establish our parameters at the next meeting.

8. OTHER ITEMS

8.0 Change in meeting locations for July, August, and September.

- The commission was notified that we will be at the East Precinct on Trinity Lane for the next few meetings.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Captain Jones moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:56p.

Approved on the 10th day July 2023.

Traffic and Parking Commission Resolution No. 23-06

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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 July 10, 2023.

TENNESSEE NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

State of Tennessee

County of Davidson

On this 10th day of July 2023, before me personally appeared Jason Oldham, 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 10th day of July 2023.

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.