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

February 12, 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 - absent), Council Member Quin Evans-Segall, John Green, Feller Brown (absent), Santos Gonzales, Santi Tefel (absent), Captain Jones (MNPDP)

STAFF

Brad Freeze, Hal Balthrop, Jason Oldham, Teresa Costonis, Erica Haber, Andrew Smith, Marcus Jackson, Emanuel Matyas, Korby Bowden, Darlene Thompson, Brandon Boatwain Laz Parking General Manager.

OTHERS

CM Cash,

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Brandon Mason called the meeting of February 12, 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 Green moved for approval of the agenda; it was seconded by Commissioner Gonzales. The agenda was approved with no objection.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1. Approval of minutes from January 8, 2024, meeting.

- Commissioner Gonzales moved for approval of the February 12th minutes. Commissioner Green seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

4A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None



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5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 CD19: Mandatory Referral 2023M-014AB-001, a request to abandon a portion of the right-of-way and public utility easements on Russell Street between Interstate Drive and S 1st Street and S 2nd Street between Woodland Street and Victory Ave, requested by Regan Smith Associates.

5.2 NDOT Collector and Local Street Speed Reduction Vision Zero Initiative:

5.2.1 CD 29: Anderson Road from Priest Lake Drive to Couchville Pike, authorize - reduction of posted speed limit from 35mph to 30mph.

5.2.2 CD 02: Buena Vista Pike from Hummingbird Drive to Moorman's Arm Road - authorize reduction of posted speed limit from 40mph to 35mph.

5.2.3 CD 07: Broadmoor Drive from Gallatin Pike to Lemont Drive - authorize reduction of posted speed limit from 40mph to 35mph.

5.2.4 CD 06: Cahal Avenue from Gallatin Pike to Porter Ave - authorize reduction of posted speed limit from 35mph to 30mph.

5.2.5 CD 06: Davidson Street from S 5th Street to S 14th Street – authorize reduction of posted speed limit from 35mph to 30mph.

5.2.6 CD 30: Paragon Mills Rd from Nolensville Pike to Eisenhower Drive – authorize reduction of posted speed limit from 35mph to 30mph.

5.2.7 CD 20: Robertson Ave from Annex Ave to Morrow Road – authorize reduction of posted speed limit from 35mph to 30mph.

5.2.8 CD 06: S 11th Street from Woodland Street to Shelby Ave – authorize reduction of posted speed limit from 35mph to 25mph.

5.2.9 CD 08: Smith Springs Road from Philhall Parkway to its eastern Terminus – authorize reduction of posted speed limit from 35mph to 30mph.

5.2.10 CD 13: Thompson Place from Patricia Drive to Goodbar Drive – authorize reduction of posted speed limit from 35mph to 30mph.

- Andrew Smith with NDOT gave some background to the Local Street Speed Reduction Vision Zero Initiative. Commissioner Green moved to approve. Commissioner Evans-Segall seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

6. REGULAR AGENDA

6.1 CD 18: Authorization for new Residential Permit Parking from 8AM - 7PM /7days, on Dallas Ave between 12th Ave S and Belmont Blvd., requested by CM Cash.

- Emanuel Matas NDOT gave some background regarding and the analysis that was done. Commission Green asked about how enforcement will be handled in this area and the long-term plan. Ian Horner resident asked for clarification on the guest passes. Brad Freeze and Teresa Costonis spoke to the code surrounding the guest passes, clarification was provided. CM Cash poked in support of this issue and the need for enforcement. Commissioner Green moved to approve. Commissioner Evans-Segall seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

6.2 CD 18: Authorization to extend Residential Permit Parking 8AM – 7PM Mon – Fri with 1-hour non-permit parking on the west side of 25th Ave S between Acklen Ave and Fairfax Ave., requested by CM Cash.

- Emanuel Matas and Brandon Boatswain spoke to this request, explaining that it is an extension of an existing RPP. Council Member Cash spoke in support of this request. Commissioner Green moved to approve. Commissioner Evans-Segall seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

6.3 Notice to drivers about parking fees.

- Emanuel Matas gave an explanation to the parking fees and explained that NDOT is not currently booting vehicles. He also explained that citations issued by NDOT are for right of way offenses. He elaborated on items that are ticket-able offenses and spoke to the fact that of the amount collected \$40 of the amount shown on the ticket are fees paid to the court. CM Evans-Segall asked if these tickets were being sent electronically. Brandon Boatswain provided additional clarification and spoke to the fact that paper tickets are being issued they are not sent electronically. Teresa Costonis spoke to the code and how it pertained to the issuing/service of tickets. It was stated that we are not currently booting or towing vehicles.

6.4 On Street Metered Space Rental Fee Policy.

- Emanuel Matas spoke to this request and provided background to the math that was applied to this fee. Council Member Evans-Segall questioned how we came to the 65% utilization rate as part of the calculation, she is looking for the data behind the calculation. Commission Green is looking for one year mark of data collection for the smart parking. Brad Freeze spoke to the one-year mark being in May of this year. In the future the commission would like to see comparison between CBD and non-CBD rates when we bring that back to the group. Commissioner Green moved to approve. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objection. Teresa Costonis provided clarification that the code applying to this policy. It is noted that this is an update to the old Bagged Meter Policy.



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7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1 Valet Fee Policy revision.

- Emanuel Matas spoke to the revision of the Valet Fee Policy being a multi-step process. The verbiage would be updated, a change to the configuration would be made as well as an update to the streets listed. Brandon Boatswain spoke to the need to charge for the use of the right of way. In addition to the previously mentioned items NDOT will also be working to change the ordinance. Leesa LeClair with the Greater Hospitality Association asked for clarification on the cutout. Teresa Costonis provided clarification to charging for the right of way. Emmanuel Matas also provided insight to the new calculation that is being proposed. Brandon Boatswain spoke to the need for the adjustment post pandemic. CM Evans-Segall is looking for clarification on the old fees, the new fees and explanation to the need for a policy change. CM Evans-Segall was not comfortable with the new proposal being set forth. Commissioner Green provided background to the discussions surrounding the original policy. Brad Freeze spoke to moving forward with parts of the policy that do not pertain to the new proposed rates. Teresa Costonis provided clarification to the verbiage change. Commissioner Green would like to see a revenue impact based on the new proposed rates. Leesa LeClair spoke to the confusion surrounding the previous formula and agreement that the curb does have value. Jake Marshall with PMC in Nashville provided insight to the fact that the valet companies do not pay these fees, these fees are paid by the companies that employ the valet operators. Commissioner Green made a motion to defer the policy indefinitely. Council Member Evans-Segall seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections. Commissioner Green recommended approval of the proposed draft ordinance to be presented to the council. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

7.2 CD 18: Authorization for a 420 ft bus only parking zone on the south side of Compton Ave between Belmont Ave and 15th Ave S., requested by Belmont University.

- Commissioner Green moved to defer one month. Council Member Evans-Segall seconded the deferral. The motion was deferred for one month.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Green brought up that he had received correspondence regarding the 31st Ave North project and how long it took for project completion. He reiterated that the delayed completion created confusion in the community. Brad Freeze spoke that the markings have been updated and to the fact that a before and after study had been conducted and that we would be happy to share the information. The direct recommendations were made and have been implemented. Council Member Evans-Segall also received similar communication. She emphasized that the striping needs to be completed quickly to help ease the community.

9. OTHER ITEMS

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Captain Jones moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 PM.

Approved on the 11th day of March 2024.

Traffic and Parking Commission Resolution No. 24-02

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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 March 11, 2024.

TENNESSEE NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

State of Tennessee

County of Davidson

On this 11th day of March 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 11th day of March 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.