MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION
April 9, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Traffic and Parking Commission was held at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, April 9, 2012, at the Sonny West Conference Center. The following were present unless noted otherwise:

Commission Members

Gene Ward, Chairperson	Council Member Frank Harrison
Richard Morin, Vice Chair	Breonus Mitchell Sr
Feller Brown	Brenda Sanderson
Lt. Keith Stephens, MPD	Steven Turner
John Green-Absent	

Staff Members

Korby Bowden, Engineering Tech II	Chip Knauf, Traffic Engineer
Julie Herring, CNT	Benny Word, Collier Engineering
Jenny Howard, Legal Advisor	Diane Marshall, Parking Administrator

Guests
As noted in minutes

Chairperson Gene Ward called the meeting of April 9, 2012 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. Turner and **approved with no opposition.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Morin moved for approval of the March12, 2012 Minutes and seconded by Mr. Turner and **approved by voice vote with no opposition.**

APPEALS

1. Request to appeal the denial of an all way stop on Sunrise Ave at Wingate Ave. Requested by Debbie Young and Tom Appel.

Ms. Debbie Young requested an all way stop on Sunrise Ave at Wingate Ave. She stated she has lived in this neighborhood her entire life. She noted that people are cutting down Wingate at high speeds. She states that she has a petition with 35 signatures.

Council Member Tenpenny stated that he does not think an all way stop is necessary. He stated that there has been a traffic study completed and the average speed was 25-26 mph. He is requesting that the commission deny the appeal.

Mr. Knauf explained the traffic study to the commission and noted that it did not meet warrants to authorize a stop at this location. He recommends Mr. Word speak with the neighborhood about other traffic calming solutions.

Mr. Word stated that he would meet with the Council Member and the neighborhood and look into other solutions.

Council Member Harrison made a motion to **deny** the appeal, seconded by Rev. Mitchell and **approved with no opposition.**

2. Request to appeal the denial of removal of the loading zone at 2515 Nolensville Pike requested by Andy Neuman,

Ms. Marshall stated that this request was requested my Mr. Sam and approved by the Commission in September 2009. The commission is in receipt of three letters from the tenants, requesting that the loading zone remain in place.

Commissioner Ward stated that Mr. Neuman is requesting that the loading zone be removed. He also stated that Mr. Neuman has two parking spaces in front of his building as well as parking on the side. Commissioner Ward noted to the commission that a loading zone is for use by the general public.

Mr. Neuman stated that he has owned the building since 2005. He stated that there needs to be more on street parking and removing this loading zone would create that. He stated that he has a signed petition of people who think that the loading zone should be removed and stated that he also has his Council Member present to speak on his behalf. He said there is no use for loading on the street and that all the buildings have a back entrance in the alley that could be used for loading and unloading. He says he wants it gone for his own personal business uses. He stated that parking in the back has been risky due to theft in the area.

Rev. Mitchell stated that he went to look at this location and noted that there is room to park in the back of the building as well as the side. He asked Mr. Neuman why he could not park in the back or on the side of his building.

Mr. Neuman stated that because of theft he is not going to park in the back. He also said that his alarm system is in the front of the building.

Ms. Sanderson asked if the loading zone has a time limit.

Mr. Knauf stated that per code there is a 30 minute time limit.

Lt. Stephens asked if Mr. Sam uses the loading zone.

Mr. Sam stated that he does use the loading zone as well as his tenants. He noted that he has a two story building. He said that Mr. Neuman gets to the building early and parks right

in front of his business. He stated that Mr. Neuman conducts business from the rear of the building and that he has been causing issues with him and his tenants since he moved into the building back in 2007. Mr. Sam is requesting that the loading zone remain as is.

Rev. Mitchell made a motion to **deny** the appeal, seconded by Council Member Harrison and **approved with no opposition.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Proposal No. 2012M-003AB-001** – A request to abandon an unnumbered alley (easement to be abandoned) from Joseph Avenue eastward to its terminus, to be used to Construct an athletic field requested by Metro General Services, applicant, Metro Government and Owner.

Approved by a 8-0 hand vote.

2. **Resolution 12:04-** ***Consent Agenda***
   - Modify speed limit on Charlotte Pike from Whitebridge Rd to Sawyer Brown Rd. from 55mph to 45 mph
   - Authorize stop on Sumatra Dr. at Golden Hill Dr
   - Authorize stop on Ilawood Dr. at Cedarmont Cr
   - Authorize Valet parking on the south side of 20th Ave S at Adelicia.
   - Remove Valet Parking on the South side of Church St from 18th Ave S to 17th Ave S (Chappy's)
   - Modify parking restrictions on Observatory Dr. to / from Belmont Blvd from No Parking 7a-7p to No Parking anytime.
   - Modify parking restrictions on Bernard Ave from 18th Ave S to 17th Ave S from Residential permit parking with one hour non permit parking to residential permit parking only.
   - Modify speed limit on Cross Creek Rd from Valley Brook Rd to Abbott Martin Rd from 25mph to 30 mph. (*Change in records only)*
   - Modify speed limit on Valley Brook Rd from Woodmont Blvd (W Intersection) to Woodmont Blvd (E Intersection) from 25mph to 30mph. (*Change in records only)*

REPORTS

1. Parking
2. Engineering

Rev. Mitchell made a motion to **approve**, seconded by Mr. Turner and **approved with no opposition.**

Traffic and Parking Commission Resolution No. 12-04 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:

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: April 9, 2012 EFFECTIVE: April 14, 2012

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Nashville Downtown Partnership Contract

Mr. Knauf asked legal if we can proceed with this.

Ms. Jenny Howard from Metro Legal stated that anytime something is voted on, a public notice has to be published. She stated that this did not make it on the April Agenda and she would recommend that it be on the May agenda and hear it in May.

Mr. Knauf stated that he suggest we hear it today and make a recommendation. He said there is a timeline and the current contract is expiring and we don't have a new one in place. Mr. Knauf said that we need to make a recommendation to council due to the time constraints. He noted that we will keep it on the Agenda for May.

Ms. Marshall is asking the commission to make a recommendation to council to continue the contract with NDP.

Ms. Sanderson stated that she is on the board of the NDP and would like to recuse herself from voting.

Council Member Frank Harrison made a motion to **approve** the contract with NDP, seconded my Mr. Morin and **approved with no opposition.**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Lt. Stephens moved to ***adjourn***, seconded by Mr. Morin and ***approved by voice vote with no opposition***. The meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

Approved on this the 14 day of May, 2012.

Assistant Director
Department of Public Works

Chairperson
Traffic and Parking Commission