

**WORK SESSION**  
**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE**  
**COUNTY OF BERRIEN**  
**JUNE 14, 2021**  
**5:30 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL:** Members of the City Council present included Mayor Pro-Tem John Clayton, Scott Stalnaker, Billy Retterbush, Antonio Carter, Walt Steward, Eric Gaither.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Peter Schultz, Jackie Jordan, Police Chief Edwards, Fire Chief Clay Davis, Loren Williams, Mitchell Moore

**OTHERS INVOLVED:** Justin Harper, Heather Harper, Janet Studstill

**TRACTOR TRAILER TRUCKS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS:**

Mayor Pro-Tem John Clayton called the work session to order at 5:30 p.m. Billy Retterbush explained he has received several complaints about tractor trailer trucks parking in residential neighborhoods.

Walt Steward said this is how people make a living and he does not want to interfere with someone making a living.

Mr. Retterbush explained it affects property values and people want to keep their values as high as possible. He also explained our streets are not designed for the weight of the trucks when loaded which could be 80,000 pounds. He said Hahira and Adel do not allow this. He also mentioned he has received several calls from people who are very upset about the overnight parking of the tractor trucks in neighborhoods and wonders if the City had some property, they could use for parking but the legalities would also be a concern but they would also need a permit.

Scott Stalnaker said if the City had a place, we could require hold harmless letters such as the food trucks use. Mr. Stalnaker asked Mr. Justin Harper (River Road) the route he uses.

Mr. Harper explained he drove the route that he was instructed to use from Adel highway which is Dogwood to Memorial Drive, which he said is a 'no-truck' route, to Estate Place to Briarcliff to River Road, which he said is not a 'no-truck' route. Mr. and Mrs. Harper explained that is the safest route he can take which is what he was instructed to do. Mr. Harper said he has worked for Yancey Brothers Company of Valdosta since October 2020 and they own the truck, which is a newer Peterbilt truck worth approximately a quarter of a million dollars and is very nice and clean. He further explained the equipment on the truck contains approximately \$35,000 worth of chains, binders and straps along with a \$1,200 E.L.D. (electronic logging device) and an \$800 G.P.S. He also explained it is unloaded approximately ninety (90%) percent of the time and is parked in their drive-way in their yard most of the time and it saves him valuable time since he is only allowed to drive eleven (11) hours out of an allowed fourteen (14) hour work day and he does not see the difference in someone bringing something in a neighborhood on the truck to unload it as opposed to parking the same truck at his house overnight. The Harpers also mentioned they feel the issue is more of a personal matter rather than any

other effects. They also mentioned if he were to park somewhere other than their home, he would need a way to get back and to.

Walt Steward discussed the weight on the truck distributed over the P.S.I. of the tires and debated the adverse effects to the road. Mr. Steward also debated the issue of the truck affecting the property values of the neighborhood. He also asked if there is an active Home Owners' Association in this neighborhood and if there is not, he should be allowed to park the truck in his yard especially due to the amount of road and gas taxes tractor trailer truck drivers and truck companies pay, which is what builds the roads.

Janet Studstill spoke on behalf of Mr. Harper based on her knowledge of the subject due to her son owning a fleet of trucks reiterating the points of interest the Harpers mentioned. She also argued none of the roads in the City or the County are made to handle these trucks or agriculture equipment so there is no difference.

After further discussion of the points mentioned, Mayor Pro-Tem Clayton explained his biggest concern is possible damage to the roads in the residential area and also mentioned the City had tried to find other places for the tractor trailer trucks to park in the past and no one wanted them on their property overnight but he does understand their desire to park on their own property.

There was a brief mention of the grants or funds used to pave or resurface the streets and how those streets are chosen.

There was also a brief mention of permits and licenses of all trucks in the Code under Section 28-46.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.  
*June 14, 2021.*

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Mayor Pro-Tem John Clayton

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Alderman Antonio Carter

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Alderman Walt Steward

**ATTEST:**

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Jackie Jordan, City Clerk

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Alderman Scott Stalnaker

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Alderman Billy Retterbush

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Alderman Eric Gaither