GOLF CART SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES – April 10, 2024 COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON, INDIANA

The Golf Cart Subcommittee of the City of Huntington, Indiana, met in a special meeting in the City Council Chambers, Third Floor, City Building, 300 Cherry Street, Huntington Indiana 46750 on Wednesday, April, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. for the following statutorily authorized purpose: regulating the operations of golf carts.

Attendance: Council Member Dave Funk, Council Member PJ Felton, Public at Large Steve Stecher, Administrative Captain Andy Ellet, and Mayor Strick

Approval of Previous Minutes: Council Member PJ Felton moved to approve the March 25, 2024 Subcommittee's minutes as presented, seconded by Public at Large Steve Stecher. Motioned passed 3-0.

Reports:

- Safety presentation by Administrative Captain Andy Ellet, Council Member PJ Felton motioned, seconded by Public at Large Steve Stecher.
 - Emphasis on injuries to children presented three studies on injuries (exhibits A-C).
 - Decatur Indiana's experience: at-home, annual inspection at first then a
 designated registration day of 16 hours. Total of 74 golf carts and 47 UTVs. It
 "impedes traffic and is considered dangerous" but not accidents. Permit fees go to
 the police training fund.
 - o Captain Ellet's concerns: An increased call volume in initial rollout years and the safety of the vehicles.
- Map provided by Mayor Strick to exclude W 200 N and keep safety as a priority.

Open comments:

- Jim/James Wall 1068 N Jefferson St. Huntington, IN 46750
 - o Has an electric golf cart that can travel 30 mph.
 - o Recommended the drivers be at least 18 years old with a driver's license and required insurance.
 - o Recommended a thoughtful ordinance to be adopted.
- Shanna Cloutier 263 Clark St. Roanoke, IN 46783
 - o Roanoke rules require individuals to stay with the golf cart, to be at least 18 years old with a driver's license, no children under two in the golf cart, and to submit the required forms with no inspection.

Old Business:

• Public at Large Steve Stecher updated the safety equipment in the draft to be required instead of optional.

New Business:

- Should lap belts be required?
- Violation enforcements tied to the local schedule of penalties.
- Should there be an age restriction for passengers?
- Should UTVs be included?

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Adjournment: Council Member Dave Funk motioned to adjourn, seconded by Council Member PJ Felton, motion passed unanimously.

The meeting ended at 7:23 p.m. It is certified that no subjet matter was discussed other than those specifically allowed and referenced above.

	APPRO	VED:	
	As Mayor		As Member
Richard Strick	·	Dave Funk	
	As Member		As Member
PJ Felton		Steve Stecher	Citizen

A signed copy of these approved minutes is available by request in the City Clerk-Treasurer's Office at 300 Cherry St. or by calling (260) 356-1400 ext. 2019.