

**SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 9, 2018**

The Safety, Health, and Service Committee met Monday, July 9, 2018 at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers at the Knisely Centre.

In attendance were Safety, Health, and Service Committee Members:
Chair, Mr. Kelly Ricklic
Mr. Dan Lanzer
Alternate Dean Holland

Excused Absenses: Mr. Rob Maurer

Guests were:
President of Council Sam Hitchcock, Mayor Joel Day, Law Director Marvin Fete, Councilperson Aimee May, Service Director Ron McAbier, Mr. John Zucal, Mrs. Cheryl Ramos, Council Clerk Julie Courtright

Committee Chair Mr. Ricklic reported that the Safety, Health, and Service Committee met Monday, July 9, 2018 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Knisely Centre to discuss the following items:

To discuss the proposed use of golf carts as vehicles in City limits.

Chairman Ricklic made the following statement:

I know this is an ongoing issue. Mr. Sturtz who is really the one who promoted it also provided some more information which all members received. It basically says that if he wants to drive his golf cart all he has to do is get a license plate for it and make it street legal.

Mayor Day had the following comment:

In 2017 golf carts were legalized in Ohio.

Mr. Zucal had the following comment:

There's a law that went into effect in Ohio in January of 2017 that would allow all golf carts to be driven on Ohio roadways at a 35 mile per hour or slower speed limit.

Treasurer Tom Gerber made the following comment:

I'm a retired State Trooper and I've been in law enforcement and taught driver education. This is a disaster. You talk to the police officers, you talk to the fire department. We have semis going through town. They weigh 80,000 pounds. They have heavy equipment on the back of these trailers. If you have a gated community that's fine, but not on our City streets. Whatever the law says I know you can modify vehicles, but as a recommendation to you I feel this is a terrible idea.

Mayor Day had the following response:

The administration does not support this. We haven't seen anyone other than one man request this and we can't base legislation on one man's desire to do something. The Safety Director and the two chiefs and I met and we're not for this at all. We think it would just create more problems.

Law Director Fete made the following statement:

It says "no person shall operate a low speed vehicle on any street or highway having an established speed limit greater than 35 miles per hour."

Councilman Lanzer made the following statement:

I'm not completely against it. If the administration has something drawn up for us stating what streets you can and can't operate a golf cart on I may change my mind.

Mr. Holland made the following statement:

In the information that was researched Fremont, Dublin, Dennison, Uhrichsville, Strasburg, all have fallen under the state statutes and operate under the state statute. That has been a year and a half now that it has passed. There have been no golf cart related accidents in any of those communities. I don't see this vehicle being any less safe than the three wheel vehicles that you see operating in the community, which are much greater horse power than what this golf cart would be. There are very few people that would spend the money to bring these golf carts up to code.

Mr. Zucal agreed with Mr. Holland. He mentioned the regulations for golf carts in Antwerp, Ohio.

Mrs. Ramos made the following statement:

I agree with Mr. Gerber and the administration and believe this is a disaster waiting to happen.

Mr. Gerber had the following comment:

One accident where this vehicle and these people are crushed underneath a semi the public is going to be outraged that you would even consider this.

Mr. Zucal had the following comment:

I think we created a misnomer by saying this is about retirement communities. The city of Toledo allows golf carts and they are by no means a retirement community. There's less protection on a moped than there is in a golf cart. I personally don't see the harm in it, especially if we limit it to alleys, drives, places like that.

Mr. Fete had the following comment:

I think your concern also has to be for the person driving the vehicle. They don't have a helmet on. Their safety has to be a concern.

MR. LANZER MOTIONED TO TABLE THIS DISCUSSION UNTIL FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE ADDED

MR. RICKLIC SECONDED THE MOTION

2 YEAS, 1 NAY

THIS ITEM IS TABLED UNTIL MORE INFORMATION IS PRESENTED

With no other matters to come before Committee Mr. Lanzer Motioned to Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Ricklic, Committee Chairman, Safety, Health, and Service