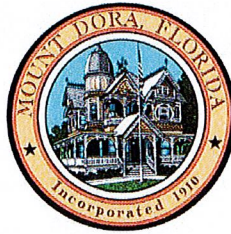


**CITY OF
MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA
MINUTES
GOLF CART
ORDINANCE MEETING**



**May 9, 2023, 2:00 p.m.
Country Club of Mount Dora
1900 Country Club Boulevard
Mount Dora, FL 32757**

Mount Dora City Councilmembers Present

Crissy Stile, Mayor
Cal Rolfson, District 2

Also Present

Patrick Comiskey, City Manager
Vince Sandersfeld, Planning Director
Michael Gibson, Interim Police Chief
Adam Sumner, Deputy Planning Director

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Rolfson provided opening statements and an explanation of the Florida Law pertaining to the proposed golf cart ordinance being considered. He further explained his understanding of allowances for golf carts operating on city streets. Further clarified the difference between the State Law for Low Speed Vehicles (LSV) and the proposed golf cart ordinance.

There were approximately 55 residents of the Country Club of Mount Dora. Several attendees announced they lived in the Lakes of Mount Dora. There was at least one insurance agent present.

Mr. Rick Bridges, President of the Country Club of Mount Dora HOA, was in attendance and submitted written comments, concerns and questions for the record.

Mr. Sandersfeld gave an historical overview of how the City came to this proposed ordinance to allow golf carts on City streets and how the proposed implementation plan would work. Further explained potential access connections and designated golf cart trail systems that are being planned in the adjacent area to the Country Club of Mount Dora; and the importance of golf cart opportunities to travel to the nearby shopping center in the future.

Chief Gibson provided some additional insight on the difference between Low Speed Vehicles (LSVs) versus golf carts.

At this point it was opened for public comments, questions, and concerns:

Several residents expressed concerns about the cost of the registration fee, they suggested a reduced rate for renewals or a two year registration period.

There were several questions and comments as to why this ordinance would repeal Section 42-4 of the current City Code of Ordinances, which currently allows for golf carts to use City Streets within the Country Club of Mount Dora. It was requested to not repeal Section 42-4 by those in attendance and allow the Country Club of Mount Dora golf cart rules to remain that are in effect today with no further restrictions proposed under the new ordinance.

There was a request from some of the residents in attendance to exempt the Lakes of Mount Dora from this ordinance as well, to help grown the membership at the Country Club.

It was pointed out that the speed limit on Country Club Boulevard is 35 MPH and needs to be reduced to 30 MPH to safely allow golf carts on it. Currently, Section 42-4 of the City Code allows golf carts on Country Club Boulevard and other streets Country Club is an active golf course community.

There was a request to encourage the DMV to do LSV inspections and registrations locally so that LSV owners do not have to transport their vehicles to Ocala.

There were questions concerning the impact of golf carts on Downtown parking.

Mr. Sandersfeld advised of the opportunities for golf cart to share parking spaces, which is a benefit. He noted, depending upon the request and number of registered golf cart, city staff would evaluate parking needs specific to golf carts in the downtown code area.

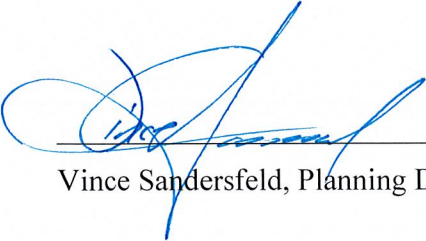
There was a request for additional traffic enforcement within the Country Club of Mount Dora.

Mayor Stile commented that this feedback was helpful in understanding the impacts on the residents of the Country Club of Mount Dora and that when this item comes back to City Council she would share the community input with Council at that meeting.

At the conclusion of the meeting, staff explained that they would present City Council a summary and possible options based on the community input.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:05 p.m.



Vince Sandersfeld, Planning Director

CRISSY STILE, MAYOR
City of Mount Dora