CITY OF WEBSTER GROVES  
February 16, 2021

The City Council met this date in a regular session, via Zoom, which was available to the public via teleconference, at 7:45 pm.

Present at Roll Call:  Mayor Gerry Welch  
Councilmember Laura Arnold  
Councilmember Pam Bliss  
Councilmember David Franklin  
Councilmember Emerson Smith  
Councilmember Karen D. Alexander  
Councilmember Sarah Richardson

A quorum was present.

Also present:  Dr. Marie Peoples, City Manager  
Mr. Neil Bruntrager, City Attorney  
Ms. Katie Nakazono, City Clerk

RECOGNITIONS  
The Mayor and Council recognized Police Officer of the Year Brendan McGahan.

REMARKS OF VISITORS  
Ms. Conrad read submitted Remarks of Visitor comments received by 4 p.m. on February 16, 2021, into the record. Submissions were received from:

- Dave Buck (Exhibit A)  
- Daniel Bruzzini (Exhibit B)  
- Mark Mittleman (Exhibit C)  
- Elizabeth Mayer (Exhibit D)  
- Form Letter Re: Golf Carts Received From – Mark Cooley and James Vogel (Exhibit E)  
- Robert Chandler (Exhibit F)  
- Richard Tao (Exhibit G)  
- Christy Oldani (Exhibit H)  
- Todd and Holly Rodman (Exhibit I)  
- Tim Hebel (Exhibit J)  
- Judd and Amy Fuhr (Exhibit K)  
- Jim Rush (Exhibit L)  
- Nikki Lemley (Exhibit M)  
- Fred Harrison (Exhibit N)  
- Robert and Jane Ahl (Exhibit O)  
- Josh Daniels (Exhibit P)  
- Stacie Swederska (Exhibit Q)  
- Tim and Michelle Gamel (Exhibit R)  
- Nancy and Rob Eveker (Exhibit S)  
- Robert Heyder spoke in favor of golf carts and the approval of Ordinance #9141.
NEW BUSINESS – MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS, CITY ATTORNEY, CITY MANAGER
No New Business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
BILL #9141 – THIRD READING
On motion of Councilmember Franklin, seconded by Councilmember Bliss, BILL #9141 ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEBSTER GROVES, MISSOURI AMENDING CHAPTER 60, “THE TRAFFIC CODE” ARTICLE I, SECTION 60.010 “DEFINITIONS” AND ARTICLE X, “MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS” SECTION 60.635 “USE OF MOTORIZED PLAY VEHICLES, ROLLER SKATES, COASTERS, AND SIMILAR DEVICES”, AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 60.636 “OPERATING PERSONAL ASSISTIVE MOBILITY DEVICES, GOLF CARTS, AND LOW SPEED VEHICLES; DEFINITIONS, PROHIBITIONS, PENALTY” AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO, having been introduced and read twice on February 2, 2021, was taken up its title read a third time and placed upon its passage to become Ordinance #9141.
Mayor Welch called for the vote on Bill #9141.
MEMBERS VOTING:
AYES: ARNOLD, BLISS, FRANKLIN, ALEXANDER, RICHARDSON, WELCH
NOES: SMITH
Mayor Welch stated that Bill #9141 was approved.

BILL #9142 – THIRD READING
On motion of Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Franklin, BILL #9142 ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE REPEALING THE RESTRICTIONS ESTABLISHED WITH THE APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE #3705 WHILE MAINTAINING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THIRTY-FOUR SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL LOTS AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO, having been introduced and read twice on February 2, 2021, was taken up its title read a third time and placed upon its passage to become Ordinance #9142.
Mayor Welch called for the vote on Bill #9142.
MEMBERS VOTING:
AYES: BLISS, FRANKLIN, SMITH, ALEXANDER, RICHARDSON, WELCH, ARNOLD
NOES: NONE
Mayor Welch stated that Bill #9142 was approved.

NEW BUSINESS
BILL #9143 – FIRST AND SECOND READING
Councilmember Arnold introduced BILL #9143 ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE LEVYING THE COST OF ABATING CERTAIN NUISANCES (ACCESSORY STRUCTURE DEMOLITION, CUT/TRIM, DEBRIS, ETC.) AS SPECIAL TAX BILLS AGAINST THE PROPERTIES HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED AND CONSTITUTING LEVIES AS LIENS ON THE RESPECTIVE PROPERTIES, and at the Councilmember’s request, the Bill was read twice, first and second times by title only, and placed on the agenda for future consideration of the Council.
CONSENT AGENDA
A motion was made by Councilmember Bliss, seconded by Councilmember Arnold, to approve the Consent Agenda.
Mayor Welch called for the vote on the Consent Agenda.
MEMBERS VOTING:
AYES: FRANKLIN, SMITH, ALEXANDER, RICHARDSON, WELCH, ARNOLD, BLISS
NOES: NONE
Mayor Welch stated that the Consent Agenda was approved.

The following consent agenda was approved:
- **Approval of Minutes** – February 2, 2021
- **Resolution #2021-09** – Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement for Aquatic Center Management Services for the 2021 Season
- **Resolution #2021-10** – Approving a Money Purchase Plan Solely for the Position of City Manager
- **Resolution #2021-11** – Authorizing the Assistant City Manager to Execute an Addendum to the Employment Agreement Between Dr. Marie Peoples, City Manager, and the City of Webster Groves

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
- Dacia Stewart was appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission.
- Abigail Culleton was appointed to the Old Orchard Special Business District Commission.
- John Barr was appointed to the Business Development Commission.
- Kate Krieger and Dana Gilgrist were appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- Brendan Barash was reappointed to the Historic Preservation Commission.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION
Councilmember Arnold made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Bliss, to go into Executive Closed Session per Attorney-Client Privileged Communications [MO Statute 610.021(1)], Real Estate [MO Statute 610.021 (2)], Personnel [MO Statute 610.021 (3)].
Mayor Welch called for the vote to go into Executive (Closed) Session.
MEMBERS VOTING:
AYES: SMITH, ALEXANDER, RICHARDSON, WELCH, ARNOLD, BLISS, FRANKLIN
NOES: NONE
Mayor Welch stated that the Council would go into Executive (Closed) Session.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. on motion of the Mayor, duly seconded.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of March, 2021.

[Signature]
MAYOR

[Signature]
CITY CLERK
Dear Mayor, City Council & City Staff,

My hope this evening is for you to heed the call to "Carpe Diem", or seize the day, on your fiscal year 2021-2022 planning, to ideally be completed over the next six weeks before Joan's fiscal operational budget cycle begins in earnest in April.

To me, it is critical that you complete this work now as your goals could impact department budgeting or necessitate creating your own Council budget.

Versus a full-blown strategic plan, the City could focus only on its three familiar plan elements: 1) its overall long-term mission statement; 2) its longer-term visional directions; and 3) its shorter-term fiscal year goals.

According to the City's web site, the last visional directions and goals were developed for fiscal 2018-2019, but it was not changed or updated for 2019-2020 or 2020-2021. If Council decided to simply extend the 2018-2019 plan into the next two years, I was unaware.

I think you could knock out a new 2021-2022 plan in a day or less because I think you know in your hearts what the City's needs, problems and opportunities are.

Personally, I would start such a planning session with Council & Staff's self-evaluation of your performance against your 2018-2019 goals, then proceed to discuss and update your three plan elements.

For example, should the City's mission statement be updated to reflect Webster Groves as "City of the Arts" and the value you place on diversity, equity and inclusion?

For example, should the visional directions be updated to include fostering the real character and values of the community?

For example, should the fiscal goals be updated to include the redevelopment project and addressing gentrification and the loss of our black population?

Again, I think you know in your hearts what needs to be done. All that is left is to "Carpe Diem"!!!

PEACE.

Dave
Top 10 Reasons to oppose April’s use/internet sales tax:

10. No municipality has ever taxed its residents and businesses into prosperity, but it sure has taxed them into leaving. Webster Groves already has 12 special taxes in addition to property, education, and library taxes; a 13th tax is on April’s ballot; and now city council is thinking about adding a fourteenth “Big House” tax?

9. According to best-selling author and CPA, Tom Wheelwright, sales tax is the number one tax that bankrupts businesses. At 9.24%, Webster Groves has the 4th highest sales tax in the nation.

8. Does this city with its $31.4 million dollar budget really need the projected $250 thousand dollars in tax collections more than our struggling residents and struggling local businesses?

7. No municipality spends taxpayer money as wisely as the taxpayer spends his and her own money. The council proposes to use the tax collected to buy … foreclosed houses for low-income residents, give money to low-income residents to buy a house, and pay the utility bills and home repairs of low-income residents. Local government should not be using taxpayer money for non-governmental charity purposes.

6. Any tax gets passed along and paid by the consumers, making purchases more expensive and resulting in fewer sales and even less sales tax collected.

5. It is a toxic tariff that will have the same retail sales killing effect the Smoot-Hawley tariff had during the Great Depression by raising prices on all imported out-of-state goods.

4. It will eviscerate Webster’s retail businesses as they leave Webster to follow their customers and escape having to pay the high sales tax rate on all the goods and supplies they themselves buy online from other businesses.

3. Taxation without Representation. The use/internet sales tax would be collected by the Streamlined Sales Tax agency. The SST is an independent non-governmental agency that operates without voter or government official control.

2. Local shopping in today’s online era means “everywhere.” Don’t tax away our out-of-state competitive advantage to the 27 states without a use/internet sales tax. They will gladly take away our retail sales and welcome our retail businesses leaving us with yet another bank, half-filled retirement home, or city-council-subsidized, low-income housing project to fill-in downtown Webster.

1. This tax will apply to every household that purchases $42 per week or $167 dollars per month of online shopping, to exceed the $2,000 threshold. Imagine paying 9.24% on everything you buy online, paying it to an unaccountable agency, for it to be redistributed to whatever pet spending project the council can dream up. It may become a reality on April 6th, unless you oppose the unlucky 13th Webster Groves use/internet sales tax. Vote No!
Dear City Council Members:

I am concerned that the City Council's consideration of the potential internet sales/use tax seems to view the tax proceeds as a means to achieve a wish list for some additional, optional types of expenditures, rather than merely helping to close our budget shortfall and properly support our existing city services.

In particular, there seems to be a wish to use the tax to subsidize low income housing. But why? What, exactly, is the need or demand for that housing? Is it just someone's political idea that "it would be a good thing to have more low income people in Webster Groves because we're too much of a middle class suburban community now"? Does this go along with the idea of a "Big Home Tax", to punish the more prosperous members of the community for not being sufficiently deferential to the poor? I am always suspicious of X, Y and Z arguing and voting for public policies to take money from A and B and give it to C and D, without asking A, B, C and D for their opinion.

Similarly, I am also concerned that the City may add a "Director of Public Affairs/Community Engagement" position and a "Diversity Equity and Inclusion program [as] a permanent budget item with ongoing administrative personnel additions and program implementation costs". It seems to me that these initiatives will ultimately make things worse rather than better, because when you employ bureaucrats whose job is perpetually to look for problems and talk about them, they are always going to find some. Then the City will end up devoting more and more people and resources to address those problems--but somehow they never actually solve the problems or make them go away.

Finally, is it really necessary always to refer to our City Manager as "Marie Peoples Ph.D."? The insistence on calling public officials by fancy titles (no matter how much those titles are actually earned and deserved) doesn't increase respect for the officials--it just makes some constituents call them other names behind their backs. I don't mean this as any personal disrespect for Marie Peoples, who seems to be a very well qualified person for her job, but she is the employee of the citizens of Webster Groves, not their boss.

--Mark Mittleman
237 Rosemont Avenue
Katie Nakazono - Remarks of Visitors

From: Elizabeth Mayer <enmmayer@gmail.com>
To: <citycouncil@webstergroves.org>
Date: 2/13/2021 3:49 PM
Subject: Remarks of Visitors

To the Webster Groves City Council to be read into the record:

I am quite puzzled by the direction this City Council is apparently deciding to take to increase low-cost housing and duplex housing, and also to "limit the size of homes".

We have lived here since 1976, and are extremely familiar with the struggle the city has with finding enough money to cover the budget. That is why we have one of the highest real estate tax rates, if not the highest, in the County. We don't have enough retail sales tax to relieve the tax burden on the homeowner. *Webster relies on people who want to live here in spite of our onerous real estate taxes. So I can't help but wonder why the city is knocking itself out to promote low-income housing and punish high-end housing, to make us into a lower-end community.*

Webster Groves' reputation has always been upscale, with emphasis on lovely homes. Why are you trying to destroy that??? *I am really concerned about measures such as: "Limit size of homes", and a "big house tax"*. "Big house tax"? -- *this is blatant redistribution of wealth.* Also, I live in Webster Park. The new zoning would surround us with multi-family housing. How does any of this help keep ANY upscale homeowners in Webster Groves. And we NEED to attract and keep upscale homeowners to pay the high taxes necessary to fill the city's coffers.

*If these measures go into effect, this city will lose it's stellar reputation which attracts high income people, and they will not only no longer come here, those already here will move. And the tax base will dissolve.*

Please reconsider this new, ruinous direction for our city.

Thank you,

Elizabeth N. Mayer

200 Hawthorne Ave.
REMARKS OF VISITORS – FORM LETTER

ALL RECEIVED AFTER 4 P.M. SUBMITTAL DEADLINE ON FEBRUARY 2, 2021

- Mark Cooley
- James Vogel

The letter reads as follows, and the individual letters will be Exhibits to the Feb 16, 2021 Council meeting minutes.
I am a resident of Webster Groves and support golf carts in our community without permitting and excess regulations.

I believe the safety concerns are being exaggerated. Motorized scooters and mopeds represent a similar risk yet are legal to ride. Additionally, golf carts provide substantial benefits, including:

- Environmental benefits
- Eco Friendly
- Low speed
- Social form of transportation
- Sense of neighborliness / community
- Safe form of transport for seniors
- Take less space to park
- Benefit local restaurants and businesses

Golf carts are a safe transportation alternative, provide many benefits, and I ask that you approve the use without permitting and excess regulations.

Sincerely,
Mark Cooley,
Good Evening! - Mayor Welch, Council Members - Alexander, Arnold, Bliss, Franklin, Richardson, and Smith, City Manager Peoples, City Clerk Nakazono, Chief Curtis, and Captain Perks
My name is James P. Vogel, I am a resident of Webster Groves and Webster Groves Business/Building Owner. I support golf carts in our community without permitting and excess regulations.
I believe the safety concerns are being exaggerated. Additionally golf carts provide substantial benefits, including:

- Environmental benefits
- Eco Friendly
- Low speed
- Social form of transportation
- Sense of neighborliness/community
- Safe form of transport for seniors
- Take less space to park
- Benefit local restaurants and businesses

Golf carts are a safe transportation alternative, provide many benefits, and I ask that you approve the use without permitting and excess regulations.

Sincerely,
James P. Vogel,
Webster Resident and Business Owner

James P. Vogel
Vogel Realty, LLC
www.vogelhomes.com
314-961-1444
Dear Mayor Welch, Council Members - Alexander, Arnold, Bliss, Franklin, Richardson, and Smith, City Manager Peoples, City Clerk Nakazono, Chief Curtis, and Captain Perks:

My name is Rob Chandler, and I am a resident of Webster Groves, residing at 11 Wilshire Terrace, 63119. I support the use of golf carts in our community without additional permitting and regulation. I believe some safety concerns regarding the use of golf carts are legitimate, but on the whole are certainly not greater than safety concerns associated with scooters, bicycling or pedestrian activities. I believe the current Missouri statutory framework is sufficient to regulate the use of low speed golf carts in Webster Groves.

Additionally golf carts promote an environmentally friendly, safe, low-speed mode of local transportation for residents of Webster Groves which promotes community. I have lived in Webster Groves for nearly ten years, and I have never witnessed the use of a low speed golf cart that I would characterize as dangerous or in need of anymore regulation than that provided under the current Missouri statutory framework.

I am in agreement with those wishing to deter further limitation and/or regulation on the use of golf carts in our town.

Sincerely,

Rob Chandler,
11 Wilshire Terrace
Dear Mayor Welch, Council Members - Alexander, Arnold, Bliss, Franklin, Richardson, and Smith, City Manager Peoples, City Clerk Nakazono, Chief Curtis, and Captain Perks

My name is Richard Tao and I am a resident of Webster Groves. I am a user and strong supporter of golf carts in our community without permitting and excess regulations. I believe the safety concerns are less than suggested and the benefits outweigh the risk. Some of the benefits include:

1. Eco Friendly – No carbon emissions
2. Low speed – capped at 20mph
3. Social form of transportation
4. Sense of neighborliness / community
5. Safe form of transport for seniors
6. Benefit local restaurants and businesses

Golf carts are a safe transportation alternative to enjoy the community. I’ve talked to friends family and neighbors, and all seem to be in agreement that good for Webster.

I think it is evident that transportation modes like electric scooters, which I understand are now permitted in Webster, by services such as Lime Scooters, etc., are much more hazardous, both to innocent bystanders as well as to the people piloting these vehicles, often in violation of safety standards, like age limitations and the wearing of protective gear (or lack thereof).

I sincerely request that you approve the use without permitting and excess regulations, which would stifle some users.

Sincerely,
Richard Tao
490 Oakwood Ave.
St. Louis, Mo. 63119
Webster Resident

This email has been checked for viruses by Avast antivirus software.
www.avast.com
From: Christy Oldani <christy.oldani@gmail.com>
To: <citycouncil@webstergroves.org>, <nakazonok@webstergroves.org>
Date: 2/2/2021 7:41 PM
Subject: Remarks of Visitors – Bill #9141 - Golf Carts

Dear Mayor Welch, Council Members - Alexander, Arnold, Bliss, Franklin, Richardson, and Smith, City Manager Peoples, City Clerk Nakazono, Chief Curtis, and Captain Perks

My name is Christy Oldani. I am a resident of Webster Groves and I am in support golf carts in our community.

Golf carts are a safe transportation alternative, provide many benefits to our community and would be another unique characteristic of Webster. They create a sense of community, family and I see them going down my street Gray Avenue to local restaurants to pick up carry out all the time without incident. I don't have a golf cart, but I don't want the city to limit our opportunity to potentially get one. I ask that you approve the use without excess regulations.

Sincerely,

Christy Oldani

Webster Resident

143 Gray Ave, Webster Groves, MO 63119
In addition to the below, My brother, Scott has cerebral palsy and is handicapped in a wheel chair. He loves to ride in a golf cart and it brings him a lot of joy. It is a fun thing for him to be moving and feel the fresh air and it always makes him smile. We would love to be able to do this with him and bring this fun memory to Webster groves as well.

Dear Mayor Welch & Council Members,

My name is Holly Rodman, I am a resident of Webster Groves and support golf carts in our community.

Golf carts are a safe transportation alternative, provide family fun, as well as social and environmental benefits.

Sincerely,

Rodman family

Todd, Holly, Ella, Liam, Serena, Colin

Webster Resident

Sent from my iPhone
Katie Nakazono - Remarks from visitors

From: Tim Hebel <tim@beanstalkwebsolutions.com>
To: <CityCouncil@webstergroves.org>
Date: 2/16/2021 9:41 AM
Subject: Remarks from visitors

City Council,

I am very much in favor of the new ordinance to make golf carts legal. It would be a shame to regulate away the freedom to drive these safe, efficient, and neighborly vehicles.

I also believe that if golf carts are made explicitly illegal, many current road-legal vehicles would need to be reevaluated. If an argument is made that golf carts are too unsafe to drive, an argument which I find to be far-fetched, then an even stronger rational argument would have to be made that mopeds/Vespas, motorized scooters, and even bicycles would need to be banned from city roads as they are all significantly less safe than golf carts. Not only can this conclusion be reached logically, but there are mountains of data backing this up. If I had to get hit by a car and I could choose between being in a golf cart, a moped, a motorized scooter, and a bike, I would choose the golf cart without thinking twice as I'm sure most people would.

I support the city's ability to regulate our traffic code, but to completely ban its citizens from driving golf carts when the will of the people are for it, would be another defeat for popular opinion. I find the proposed regulations and restrictions acceptable and implore you to vote in favor for this traffic code change.

-Tim Hebel
Dear Mayor Welch & Council Members,

We are Judd and Amy Fuhr and are residents of Webster Groves and support golf carts in our community.

Golf carts are a safe transportation alternative, provide family fun, as well as social and environmental benefits.

The use of golf carts in our community will not disrupt our already quaint city. If anything it will increase the social interactions between our residents. Just approving golf carts in Webster Groves will not increase the amount of carts on the current roads. The point of parking issues becomes a mute point as instead of driving your car to a local restaurant or shop the golf cart owner will drive there cart instead.

I propose you pass the golf cart ordinance as amended and agreed upon at the last city council meeting. Golf carts are allowed in our neighboring communities of Shrewsbury, Crestwood and Kirkwood with no current issues.

Sincerely,

Judd and Amy Fuhr
Webster Resident
Dear Mayor Welch & Council Members,

Our names are Jim & Mikell Rush, and we are residents of Webster Groves and support golf carts in our community. We have invested a lot in preserving Webster Groves’ history by restoring a 100+-year-old home that won your historic preservation award. We did this because we love the sense of community in Webster, and some of our family has grown up, gone to high school, and lived here for several years. We know and have seen golf carts improve this sense of community and have driven them in Webster ourselves without incident for years.

If you ban golf carts on our streets, you should also consider prohibiting bikes as bikers being hit by an automobile is much more likely with an increased risk of injury.

The safety proposal and requirements you suggested during your last meeting should be more than sufficient for all.

If our council members can not pass a simple thing like this, it may be time for a change.

Golf carts are a safe transportation alternative, provide family fun, as well as social and environmental benefits.

Sincerely,

Jim & Mikell,

Webster Resident
Dear Mayor Welch & Council Members,

I have written previously regarding my support of golf carts in our community.

With the final decision close to being made, I would like to respectfully request that Webster Groves support this safe transportation alternative which provides social and environmental benefits to our community.

Thank you for your consideration,

Nicolynn Lemley

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Nikki Lemley
Advisor/Broker
Healthcare Solutions Team
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nlemley.myhst.com
Dear Mayor Welch & Council Members,

My name is ___Fred Harrison______, I am a resident of Webster Groves and support golf carts in our community.

Golf carts are a safe transportation alternative, provide family fun, as well as social and environmental benefits. I believe the dangers are being exaggerated to create fear in residents. Parking is not an issue, as carts can park in regular spaces, they do not need designated spaces to park, that is a silly argument.

Pro- If residents take a golf cart out, they are staying in Webster, spending their money in Webster, not neighboring communities. Plus, they are fun to drive.

Fred Harrison
Dear Mayor Welch & Council Members,

Our names are Robert and Jane Ahl, we are residents of Webster Groves and support golf carts in our community.

Golf carts are a safe transportation alternative, provide family fun, as well as social and environmental benefits.

Sincerely,

Robert and Jane Ahl,

Webster Resident
Dear Mayor Welch & Council Members,

My name is Josh Daniels, I am a resident of Webster Groves and support golf carts in our community.

Golf carts are a safe transportation alternative, provide family fun, as well as social and environmental benefits.

Sincerely,

Josh Daniels
Webster Resident

Sent from my iPhone
My Name is Stacie Swederska, owner of Paisley Boutique, a local Webster business and a Webster Groves resident. I support Golf carts in our community. Golf carts are a safe transportation alternative and promote local spending in the community.

Stacie Swederska  
Owner + Buyer + Stylist  
Paisley Boutique  
233 W Lockwood  
Webster Groves, MO 63119  
C: 314.578.9400  
T: 314.475.3443  

Sent from my iPhone
Dear Mayor Welch & Council Members,

Our names are Tim and Michelle Gamel, we are residents of Webster Groves and we support the use of golf carts in our community.

Golf carts are a safe and sustainable transportation alternative that have been driven in Webster Groves for many years without major incident and we would like to see them continue. They provide an easy way to get to restaurants, shops, and festivals when parking is limited thereby supporting the many wonderful amenities that Webster Groves provides.

They are no more dangerous than bikes, e bikes, scooters and/or other forms of motorized and non-motorized transportation. The safety requirements you proposed in the last meeting are more than enough to ensure safe and responsible golf cart usage which we support.

Please swiftly move forward with passing the ordinance allowing golf cart usage so we can get on to more important issues, such as, reducing the number of theft/crimes we all read about in the Webster Kirkwood Times!

Sincerely,

Tim and Michelle Gamel
Dear Mayor Welch & Council Members,

My name is Nancy Eveker, I am a resident of Webster Groves and support golf carts in our community.

Golf carts are a safe transportation alternative, provide family fun, as well as social and environmental benefits. In fact carts are quite safe and use of an electric cart reduces emissions to zero. For local trips to the grocery market, convenience store or parks, cart use will help promote Webster Groves’ ‘Green’ image and reduce wear and tear on our city streets.

When you commit to taking a golf cart out instead of starting up the car, you will find yourself more apt to patronize local shops.

Golf carts are far more affordable for the average local citizen, are low maintenance and have low operating costs, particularly in comparison to an automobile.

Continuing to allow carts in Webster Groves can change our community in a positive way and set an example for others.

We ask that you vote to continue to allow the use of golf carts in our community.

Sincerely,

Nancy and Rob Eveker,
Webster Residents