

**WORK SESSION**  
**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE**  
**COUNTY OF BERRIEN**  
**May 25, 2021**  
**5:30 P.M.**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Peter Schultz, Jackie Jordan, Chief Edwards, Loren Williams, Ronald Knowles, Mitchell Moore

**OTHERS INVOLVED:** Mary Brumbley, Scott Newbern, Margaret Perry

**RACE TRACK ON HAZEL AVENUE:**

The work session began at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tem John Clayton explained the work session was scheduled due to complaints of the noise from the race track and hours of operation of the race track and the Council would like to come to a resolution that satisfies all parties involved.

The go-cart race track is located on Hazel Avenue which is owned by Scott Newbern and currently operated by Mary Brumbley as High Rev Speedway. Mrs. Brumbley explained their schedule and how the races operate. She said they race every other weekend with gates opening at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday with races beginning at 1:00 p.m. She said racing is usually finished by midnight but it depends on the number of accidents, weather and necessary maintenance of the race track. She said the only time races would take place on Sunday would be if the Saturday race was rained out. She explained the liability insurance she has to purchase which is only good for that weekend and that is why the race has to be completed the same weekend stating the insurance has to be purchased by Wednesday before the weekend of the race. Mr. Newbern explained the effects of the heat on the track which causes them to have to water the track and is also the reason for starting the races in the afternoon or as late as possible. Mrs. Brumbley also mentioned another reason for the 1:00 p.m. start time was due to participants traveling from as far away as Tampa, Florida. Mr. Newbern also explained the muffler requirements to reduce the noise of the go-carts as much as possible. He also mentioned the effects on the local economy with the racing families purchasing gas, food, auto parts and possibly hotel accommodations when the Saturday races have to be finished on Sunday. Mrs. Brumbley said she had an average of about 150 go-carts per race and at the Thanksgiving race, she had a total of 454 go-carts.

Mrs. Margaret Perry discussed the problem of racing past 11:00 p.m. on Saturday night and racing on Sunday explaining the noise from the race track can be heard at her residence and many surrounding residents. Mrs. Perry previously presented a petition to the Council signed by many neighboring residents regarding the noise and hours of the race track and Sunday racing. She explained she along with many others are usually in

bed before midnight, some have small kids, some may have to work on Sunday and many of them had been there long before the race track was built. Mrs. Perry said it does bring some revenue to town and she does not want to stop the revenue to our local economy but many of the participants stay at the race track in campers rather than in nearby hotels and grill and eat at their campers rather than local restaurants. She further explained she is not against the race track but feels a compromise could be made for a more appropriate time of 11:00 p.m. on Saturday night with no Sunday racing.

The Council discussed the hours of operation and noise along with the items of concern mentioned by those affected. Alderman Steward suggested following the same guidelines for alcohol sales, which stop at midnight on Saturday. Alderman Retterbush said he would like the races to start earlier in the day and end by 11:00 p.m. with no Sunday racing. Alderman Stalnaker commented on the hours at South Georgia Motorsports Park in Cecil of Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. and Sunday racing only with prior approval from Council and said he would like to see the races end by 11:30 p.m. on Saturday. Alderman Carter said he does not have a problem with racing until midnight on Saturday but is against racing on Sunday. The item will be placed on the Agenda of the next regular Council meeting, June 14, 2021.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.  
*May 25, 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