

PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA  
MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2024

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Present: Mayor Barbara Bender, Mayor Pro Tem Tod Warner, Council Members Norman A. Carter Jr., Kerry Hetherington, Cristy Lenski, and Gretchen Schulz. Also present City Manager Matthew Pepper, City Attorney Chuck Ross and Jay Crowley with Powell and Edwards Attorneys at Law, Assistant Chief of Police David Matson, Public Works Director David Mitchell, Planning and Development Director Jason Thompson, Public Information Officer Brian Arrington and City Clerk Melisa Arnold.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bender called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

**INVOCATION**

Ms. Nesia Whitehead gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

Council Member Carter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CEREMONIAL MATTERS**

None

**MINUTES**

Approve the Minutes of the January 20, 2024 Work Retreat and the March 11, 2024 Meetings

Council Member Schulz made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2024 Work Retreat and the March 11, 2024 Meetings, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Carter; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

**INVITED GUESTS**

None

**COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Police Department Update on Drone Program with Video [Warner]

Assistant Chief Matson showed some drone footage and talked about the number of officers who are certified pilots.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Council Member Lenski made a motion to approve the agenda with two additions, New Business item e) Consideration and Action Approval of RES 2024-07 – Moratorium on Temporary Special Event Licenses For The Consumption Of Alcohol On Premises and item f) Consideration and Action on Purchase of Property, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor Pro Tem Warner; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA (Please see \*Note)**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Consideration and Action on Award of Bid for the Demolition of 1000 East Park Drive - Old Public Works Building [Bender]

Mayor Bender explained that a new Park Maintenance building has been constructed in the back of the park and these old buildings will be demolished and the surrounding chain link will be removed. The existing granite wall will not be taken down.

Council Member Schulz made a motion to approve award of the bid to Complete Demolition Services, LLC in the amount of \$38,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Carter; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

Mayor's Nomination and Council Confirmation of Shaunt'e Pitt to Planning Commission Post 2 with an Expiration Date of June 30, 2024 [Bender]

Mayor Bender announced that Mr. Pitt would be working with the Parks and Recreation Department soon so she is withdrawing the nomination.

Mayor's Nomination and Council Confirmation of Rose Purdy to Planning Commission Post 4 with an Expiration Date of June 30, 2024 [Bender]

Mayor Bender nominated Rose Purdy to Post 4, confirmed by Council 6 in favor and 0 opposed, nomination confirmed.

Mayor's Nomination and Council Confirmation of Norman A. Carter Jr. to Post 7 of the Downtown Development Authority [Bender]

Mayor Bender explained that this Post on the DDA is for a Council position and nominated Council Member Carter to Post 7, confirmed by Council 6 in favor and 0 opposed, nomination confirmed.

Consideration and Action Approval of RES 2024-07 – Moratorium on Temporary Special Event Licenses For The Consumption Of Alcohol On Premises

Mayor Bender explained that the current ordinance is not clear in its coverage of event facilities and time is needed to study the ordinance for possible revisions.

Council Member Lenski made a motion to approve RES 2024-07 to provide for a study regarding the changes necessary to the Code of the City of Snellville, Georgia, related to the regulation of temporary special event licenses for the consumption of alcohol on premises, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Hetherington; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

Consideration and Action on Purchase of Property

Council Member Lenski made a motion to approve the purchase of 1662 Oak Road, Parcel R5026 282 and 2230 Scenic Highway, Parcel R5026 300 in the amount of \$3,000,000.00 and authorize Mayor Bender to execute the contract, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor Pro Tem Warner.

Mayor Bender explained that this is the old BB&T bank property on Highway 124 that is made up of the 2 parcels. The City negotiated with the owners for the purchase for future development but also that we have no set plans yet.

Mayor Bender recognized City Manager Matthew Pepper who gave an update on the increase in usage of the new Elizabeth Williams Library in the Towne Center.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Council Members Carter, Hetherington, Lenski, Schulz, and Mayor Pro Tem Warner each gave a report.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Bender gave a report.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following people came forward to speak:

Vickie Warren, 2242 Westridge Drive, Snellville.

CJ Pitt, 2704 Hickory Smoke Court, Snellville

Catherine Hardrick, 2280 Buckley Trail, Snellville.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pro Tem Warner made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Carter; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

**\*Note: Items on the Consent Agenda may be read by title only. Upon the request of any Council Member, any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda prior to the adoption of the Regular Agenda. The Consent Agenda, or the remainder thereof omitting the challenged items, shall be adopted by unanimous consent.**