

PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 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 with Powell and Edwards Attorneys at Law, Captain Z. Spahr, Public Works Director David Mitchell, Planning and Development Director Jason Thompson, Public Information Officer Brian Arrington, IT Administration Erika Fleeman and City Clerk Melisa Arnold.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bender called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

**INVOCATION**

Dr. Quincy Brown with Snellville Community Church gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

Council Member Schulz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CEREMONIAL MATTERS**

PRO 2024-04 - Recognition of the Municipal Court Clerks

Mayor Bender read the proclamation into the record and presented it to Chief Clerk Robin Gordon and Deputy Clerks Tori Fobb-Moore and Ally Matyac.

**MINUTES**

Approve the Minutes of the February 12, 2024 Meetings

Council Member Lenski made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2024 meetings, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Hetherington; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

**INVITED GUESTS**

None

**COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

None

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Council Member Lenski made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business item “c” Consideration and Action on Approval of a Stormwater Rate Study, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor Pro Tem Warner; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading –RES 2024-06 – Adoption of the 2045 Comprehensive Plan

Mayor Bender introduced Mr. Jim Summerbell with Jacobs. Mr. Summerbell gave a brief overview of the steps taken to complete the 2045 Comprehensive Plan and the process going forward for final approval.

Mayor Bender opened the floor to public comment and the following people came forward:

Mike Sabbagh, 1600 Summit View, Snellville asked about the financial impact on citizens and the City. Mayor Bender explained this sets a high-level vision for the development of the City. There are few changes from the last Comprehensive Plan and this has no direct financial impact.

Betty Kumin, 2155 Woodberry Run Drive, Snellville, spoke in favor of the vision set by the Comprehensive Plan.

No one else came forward to speak so Mayor Bender closed public comment.

Council Member Schulz made a motion to approve RES 2024-06 Adoption of the 2045 Comprehensive Plan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Carter.

Mayor Bender spoke about the progress made under the prior Comprehensive Plan and how few changes were made under the current plan.

The motion was voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

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

None

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### Consideration and Action on 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of ORD 2024-01 – Urban Camping [Bender]

Mayor Pro Tem Warner made a motion to approve ORD 2024-01 Urban Camping, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Hetherington; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

##### Consideration and Action on Approval of Revised Municipal Court Fines [Bender]

Mayor Bender explained that the Chief Court Clerk did a fine comparison using surrounding jurisdictions which has led to a small suggested increase in some of the court fines.

Council Member Schulz made a motion to approve the revised Municipal Court fines, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Carter; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

##### Consideration and Action on Approval of a Stormwater Rate Study [Bender]

Mayor Bender explained that the City has the lowest rate in the County. Due to the increasing costs of materials we have a deficit in our stormwater fund and have not been able to complete the number of projects needed. A rate study would tell the City what increase would be needed to help offset these issues.

Council Member Lenski made a motion to approve the stormwater rate study by Integrated Science & Engineering, Inc. (ISE, Inc.) in the amount of \$37,050.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Hetherington; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

#### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

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

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

None

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following people came forward to speak:

Kurt Schulz, 2027 Tanglewood Drive, 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 Hetherington; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approve. The meeting adjourned at 8:18 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.**