



SPECIAL CALLED PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023

Present: Mayor Barbara Bender, Mayor Pro Tem Dave Emanuel, Council Members Solange Destang, Cristy Lenski, Gretchen Schulz and Tod Warner. Also present City Manager Butch Sanders, Assistant City Manager Matthew Pepper, Assistant City Attorney Jay Crowley with Powell and Edwards Attorneys at Law, Police Chief Greg Perry, Planning and Development Director Jason Thompson, Public Information Officer Brian Arrington, IT Administrator Erika Fleeman and City Clerk Melisa Arnold.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bender called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

INVOCATION

Chaplain Jackie Turner gave the invocation.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Landon Bland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

PRO 2023-01 – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr

Council Member Destang read the proclamation into the record and it was presented to Ms. Barbara Harrison of the King Center and Gwinnett County District Attorney Patsy Austin-Gatson.

PRO 2023-02 – 7th Annual Festival of Trees Winner

Mayor Bender read the proclamation into the record and it was presented to the parishioners of St. Oliver Plunkett Catholic Church.

MINUTES

Approve the Minutes of the December 12, 2022 Meetings

Mayor Pro Tem Emanuel made a motion to approve the December 12 minutes with one correction to the regular meeting minutes, 2nd by Council Member Destang; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

INVITED GUESTS

South Gwinnett High School Music Students

Prhust Saleh – Violist and Mai Tolar - Violinist performed a duet honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

City of Snellville Administration Department

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 "e" Consideration and Action on a Resolution Approving the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB) Application to the State Regional Transportation Authority (SRTA), 2nd by Council Member Warner; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING

2nd Reading UDO 22-03 – Consideration and Action on text amendments to The Unified Development Ordinance ("UDO") for the City of Snellville, Georgia, adopted 10-26-2020 and last amended 11-28-2022. The proposed amendment is to establish definitions and regulations for certain zoning classes for "Build to Rent" developments. Articles and Chapters which may be affected by the amendment include: Article 3 of Chapter 100 (General Provisions); Articles 1, 2, 6, and 7 of Chapter 200; (Zoning and Land Use); and Article 1 of Chapter 400 (Land Development) [Bender]

Planning Director Thompson gave an overview of the application and advised that several changes were made to improve regulations and reduce the harmful impacts of certain types of developments.

Mayor Bender advised that the City is the applicant in this case and opened the floor to public comment. No one came forward so public comment was closed.

Council Member Warner made a motion to approve UDO 22-03 text amendments to the UDO, 2nd by Council Member Schulz.

Mayor Bender spoke about the negative effects these types of developments can have on the community and the residents.

The motion was voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. (A copy of UDO 22-03 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.)

CONSENT AGENDA

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration and Action on Election of Mayor Pro Tempore [Bender]

Mayor Pro Tem Emanuel nominated Council Member Warner to be Mayor Pro Tem, 2nd by Council Member Schulz; voted 5 in favor and 1 opposed with Council Member Destang casting the opposing vote, motion approved.

Consideration and Action on RES 2023-01 – Fixing of Qualifying Fees for the November 7, 2023 General Election [Bender]

Council Member Emanuel made a motion to approve RES 2023-01, 2nd by Council Member Lenski.

Mayor Bender explained this is for the 2023 election for the Mayor's seat and two Council Posts and that the law requires qualifying fees be set.

The motion was voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. (A copy of RES 2023-01 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.)

Consideration and Action on Surplus of Police Department Gym Equipment [Bender]

Council Member Schulz made a motion to approve the surplus of the Police Department gym equipment, 2nd by Council Member Emanuel; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

Consideration and Action on Approval of the 2023 Snellville Tourism and Trade Contract [Bender]

Council Member Emanuel made a motion to approve the 2023 STAT Contract, 2nd by Council Member Lenski; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

Consideration and Action on a Resolution Approving the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB) Application to State Regional Transportation Authority (SRTA)

Mayor Bender explained that this grant application is to help fund capital improvements to the intersection of North Road and Wisteria Drive.

Council Member Lenski made a motion to approve RES 2023-02, 2nd by Council Member Destang; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Destang gave a report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bender gave a report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following people spoke:

Catherine Hardrick, 2280 Buckley Trail, Snellville.

Tom Flynn, 2358 Eastwood Drive, Snellville.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

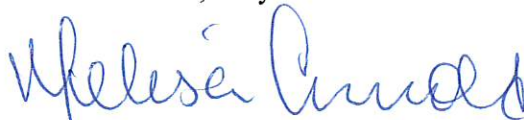
None

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Emanuel made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Council Member Destang; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



Barbara Bender, Mayor



Melisa Arnold, City Clerk