



WORK SESSION
OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

Present: Mayor Barbara Bender, Mayor Pro Tem Dave Emanuel, Council Members Cristy Lenski, Gretchen Schulz and Tod Warner. (Council Member Solange Destang was absent.) Also present City Manager Butch Sanders, Assistant City Manager Matt Pepper, City Attorney Chuck Ross with Powell and Edwards Attorneys at Law, Chief Greg Perry, Captain Zach Spahr, Public Information Officer Brian Arrington, and City Clerk Melisa Arnold.

CALL TO ORDER

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

REVIEW REGULAR BUSINESS MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS

The agenda was reviewed and discussed.

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE

None

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Ross gave an update on several nuisance properties and then reviewed the closing of the library property that occurred the week of September 13, 2021 while Mayor Bender was on vacation. He advised that Mayor Pro Tem Emanuel had to sign the documents in her absence and asked that the agenda be amended to include a vote to acknowledge the Mayor's absence and ratifying the Mayor Pro Tem's signature on the closing documents. The consensus of Council was to amend the agenda to include the new agenda item.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Update of Ongoing Projects [Bender]

City Manager Sanders started with a Towne Center update. He introduced Brian Miller with TSW who reviewed a sign rendering for the parking garage. Discussion was held about the color and font. General consensus was the design would be acceptable but TSW would send a color sample to see if the red needed to be toned down.

City Manager Sanders finished the update on the Towne Center and ongoing projects.

Policy and/or Procedures for City/STAT Funded Events or Commemorations [Warner]

Council Member Warner asked that Council be keep informed of special events that are planned.

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Discussion of Abatement of 2767 Burford Lane [Lenski]

Council Member Lenski advised that after the issuance of two citations, the property has been cleaned up and no abatement is necessary.

Discussion of Thrive Proposal [Bender]

Mayor Bender and Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Director Don Britt gave an update on the discussions with Thrive. They advised the Letter of Intent will be accepted by the DDA in the near future so design of the space can start. The Management agreement will be the next step in the process.

Discussion of Potential Mayor and Council Planning Session on January 8, 2022 [Bender]

City Manager Sanders advised that Facilitator Gordon Maner is available that weekend and asked for a consensus. After checking schedules January 22, 2022 was the next choice for the session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Bender read the closed meeting notice into the record as follows:

- To discuss pending and/or potential litigation, settlement claims, administrative proceedings or other judicial actions, which is exempt from the Open Meetings Act pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-2(1).

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Emanuel, 2nd by Council Member Schulz, the meeting was closed, with Council Members Lenski, Schulz, Warner and Mayor Pro Tem Emanuel and Mayor Bender present and voting in favor.

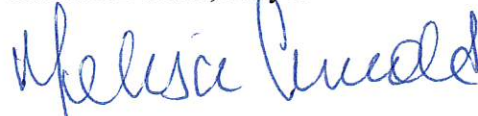
The meeting was closed at 7:18 p.m.
The meeting reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Emanuel made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Council Member Schulz; voted 5 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



Barbara Bender, Mayor



Melisa Arnold, City Clerk