



SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA  
TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2022

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, City Attorney Chuck Ross and Jay Crowley with Powell and Edwards Attorneys at Law, Chief Greg Perry, and Parks and Recreation Director Lisa Platt. (City Clerk Melisa Arnold was absent).

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bender called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Presentation about Sports Tournaments [Bender]

Randy DuTeau, with Sports Strategies, discussed with the Mayor and Council his sports management consulting business.

Discussion of Future SPLOST Funds [Warner]

Mr. Sanders presented to the Mayor and Council a report on the status on available funds from the 2014 SPLOST and 2017 SPLOST. During the presentation, Mr. Sanders explained that he estimated that the funds from both 2014 SPLOST and 2017 SPLOST would be spent by the end of FY 2023.

The Mayor and Council discussed the upcoming referendum for the 2023 SPLOST. If passed, the city would collect approximately \$28 million dollars in revenue. Mr. Sanders stated that the city's department heads will update their 5-year capital projects list to share with the Mayor and Council.

Update and Discussion of the Towne Center Budget [Bender]

Mr. Sanders presented to the Mayor and Council a report on the status of the budget for the Towne Center project. During the presentation, Mr. Sanders explained that the city is still awaiting cost information on the following items: the site work on the Grove, the construction of the Hall (market building), and the redesign and buildout of the second floor of the Library. The Mayor and Council also discussed the importance of developing an accurate operating budget for the Grove development before committing to additional capital improvements.

The Mayor and Council reached a consensus on the pattern (nature) for the mosaic bench for the Grove Development. Mr. Sanders will share the Council's choice with the artist.

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Discussion of American Rescue Plan Act Funds [Bender]

Mr. Sanders presented to the Mayor and Council a breakdown of potential uses for the funds the city received from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Mr. Sanders explained that the National League of Cities is reporting that the U.S. Congress is considering clawing back the second tranche of ARPA funding. The Mayor and Council reached a consensus to plan to pay for projects with ARPA funds that the city has already received.

To determine the amount of ARPA funds to allocate for sidewalk projects, the Mayor and Council discussed the ongoing survey and design work currently taking place for the sidewalk project on Pinehurst Road and Skyland Drive. Mr. Sanders will work with the engineer on the project to develop a cost estimate for the project.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pro Tem Emanuel made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Lenski; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



Barbara Bender, Mayor



Matthew Pepper, Assistant City Manager