

WORK SESSION OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025

Present: Mayor Barbara Bender, Mayor Pro Tem Tod Warner, Council Members Norman A. Carter Jr., Kerry Hetherington, and Cristy Lenski. (Council Member Gretchen Schulz was absent.) Also present City Manager Matthew Pepper, Assistant City Manager Mercy Montgomery, City Attorney Tony Powell with Powell and Crowley, Captain Zach Spahr, 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 6:35 p.m.

REVIEW REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS

The agenda was reviewed. Planning Director Thompson reviewed the changes in the site plan for RZ 25-01, Sinocoin Investment.

Mayor Bender reviewed the Intergovernmental agreement with Gwinnett County regarding the sewer expansion project.

Due to her property abutting the property for the development on Lenora Church Road associated with RZ 25-03 LUP 25-01, Council Member Lenski recused herself at 6:48 p.m. Planning Director Thompson reviewed the application and discussion was held about the site plan.

Council Member Lenski returned at 6:57 p.m.

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE

None

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Update of Ongoing Projects [Bender]

City Manager Pepper gave an update on the Towne Center and said that Crooked Can is almost complete and will begin on the build-out of vendor stalls soon. He announced the new Downtown Development Manager will be starting soon and gave updates on the sidewalk project and recycling program.

Planning Director Thompson asked Mayor and Council their thoughts on the Special Event permits for parking lots events and consensus was to keep it as is, events must be related to the businesses.

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City Manager Pepper asked Mayor and Council their thoughts on outside events at The Grove. After discussion consensus was to hold off while The Grove still develops and its use and vision is more established.

City Manager Pepper said that Mid-Cast has presented preliminary drawings for the build-out of the 2nd floor of the Market and the estimated cost is \$1 million. They have no one who has committed to operating the space yet. After discussion the consensus was to hold off and revisit the idea in a few months.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Hetherington made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Mayor Pro Tem Warner; voted 5 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Barbara Bender, Mayor

Melisa Arnold, City Clerk