



PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA
MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2025

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, Assistant City Manager Mercy Montgomery, City Attorney Jay Crowley with Powell and Crowley, Public Information Officer Brian Arrington, Planning and Development Director Jason Thompson, Chief Greg Perry, IT Administrator Erika Fleeman and City Clerk Melisa Arnold.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bender called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

INVOCATION

Mayor Bender gave the invocation.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Boy Scout Troop 506 presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

PRO 2025-14 – 50th Anniversary of Scouting America Troop 506

Mayor Bender read the proclamation into the record and presented it to leaders and troop members of 506.

MINUTES

Approve the Minutes of the August 11, 2025 Meetings

Council Member Schulz made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2025 meetings, 2nd by Council Member Carter; 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 as presented, 2nd by Council Member Hetherington; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

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PUBLIC HEARING

2nd Reading - RZ 25-05 – Consideration and Action on application by DeThomas Investments, LLC (applicant) and Tree Lane Development, LLC (property owner) requesting to amend the Official Zoning Map from BG (General Business) District to R-TH (Townhouse Residential) District and variances from the Snellville Unified Development Ordinance for a 108-unit single-family (attached) townhome development on a 15.0137± acre site with a gross density of 7.19 units per acre located on Tree Ln at 1719 Scenic Highway (SR 124 N), Snellville, Georgia (Tax Parcel 5056 003).

Council Member Lenski made a motion to postpone RZ 25-05 to the September 8, 2025 meeting, 2nd by Council Member Carter.

Mayor Bender explained that an updated site plan was submitted on Friday, August 22, 2025 and the Planning and Development staff needed time to review it and post it on the City website for the public.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration and Action on Approval of RES 2025-12 – Adoption of the 2025 Millage Rate [Bender]

City Manager Pepper explained that for the fourth year in a row, this year's millage rate will continue to be 4.00 mills.

Mayor Bender advised that the City has held the three required public hearings when not rolling back the millage rate.

Council Member Lenski made a motion to approve RES 2025-12, 2nd by Council Member Hetherington; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. (A copy of RES 2024-12 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.)

Consideration and Action on Surplus of Miscellaneous Police Equipment [Bender]

Council Member Schulz made a motion to approve the surplus of the police equipment, 2nd by Mayor Pro Tem Warner; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

The following items are surplus:

1. 3 - Pro-lite Binocular Laser
2. 7 - VidMIC - Video Radio Microphones
3. 35 - x26 Tasers with Holsters and Batteries
4. 30 - x2 Tasers with Holsters and Batteries
5. ½ box of Live x26 Cartridges
6. ½ Box x2 Training Cartridges
7. 12 - Used Shotgun Stocks and Foregrips
8. 1 - Kustom Hawk in car radar
9. Box of VieVue body cameras, moldy and discolored -non-working (destroy)

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COUNCIL REPORTS

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bender gave a report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following people came forward to speak:
Norwood Davis, 13300 Olio Rd., Fishers, IN.
Ahmed Hussein, 3471 Pate Road, Snellville.
Cat Hardrick, 2280 Buckley Trail, Snellville.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

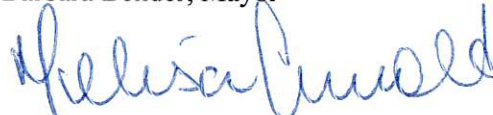
None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Warner made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Council Member Carter; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



Barbara Bender, Mayor



Melisa Arnold, City Clerk



CITY OF SNELLVILLE

Resolution

RES 2025-12

Adoption of the 2025 Millage Rate

- WHEREAS,** Georgia law and the City Code of Ordinances require the City to adopt a balanced budget for its operations; and
- WHEREAS,** through public hearings, the City staff, Mayor and City Council have drafted such a budget to comply with the requirements of State law; and
- WHEREAS,** the adoption of that budget required the passage of a millage rate sufficient to allow for the collection of taxes necessary to cover the cost of operating the City government according to the budget; and
- WHEREAS,** the Mayor and Council find it necessary and desirable to establish certain millage rates for properties in Gwinnett County in fairness to the taxpayers of the City and in compliance with State law; and
- WHEREAS,** the tax rate of 4.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for City of Snellville taxpayers in Gwinnett County is required for the raising of sufficient revenues to support municipal operations and meeting the requirements of State law for establishing rates; and
- WHEREAS,** notices required by law have been published in the legal organ of the City of Snellville; and
- WHEREAS,** the City has conducted public hearings to receive comments from citizens on the proposed budget and rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SNELLVILLE hereby ordains and resolves that the millage rate of 4.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for City of Snellville taxpayers in Gwinnett County enumerated above is approved and ordained for fiscal year 2025-2026.


RESOLVED this 25th day of August 2025.

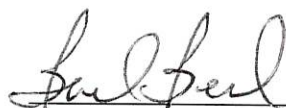


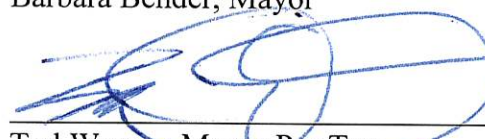
ATTEST:


Melisa Arnold, City Clerk


APPROVED AS TO FORM:


John J. Crowley, City Attorney
Powell & Crowley, P.C


Barbara Bender, Mayor


Tod Warner, Mayor Pro Tem


Norman A. Carter, Council Member


Kerry Hetherington, Council Member


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Gretchen Schulz, Council Member