



**WORK SESSION
OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA
MONDAY, JULY 14, 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 Tony Powell with Powell and Crowley, Chief Greg Perry, Assistant Chief David Matson, Planning and Development Director Jason Thompson, Public Works Director David Mitchell, Code Enforcement Officer Johnny Greene, 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 6:32 p.m.

**REVIEW REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA
ITEMS**

The agenda was reviewed. Planning Director Thompson answered questions and provided clarifications on SUP 25-02 - Pharrs Road and 25-03 – Eastgate Place. Discussion of the agenda continued with Assistant City Manager Montgomery reviewing the ordinance amendments in Chapter 6 pertaining to the Entertainment District and the expansion of district boundaries.

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE

None

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Powell said he would need an Executive Session.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Update of Ongoing Projects [Bender]

City Manager Pepper gave an update on The Grove and stormwater. Planning Director Thompson reviewed and discussed with the Mayor and Council the recommended language regarding screening of detention ponds. After discussion the consensus was for an ordinance to be drafted for review.

Review of projects continued with the City's Welcome Page on the website and the incorporation of a QR code to be published directing people to the new page. City Manager Pepper updated Council on the lighting project with Walton EMC at TW Briscoe Park and the status of the sewer project on Wisteria Drive at North Road.

Discussion about Stormwater Detention Ponds [Warner]

This was discussed under the project update.

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Review of State law, 2024 Code of Georgia, Title 16- Crimes and Offenses (SS 16-8-1 — 16-8-25) Removal or Abandonment of Shopping Carts) [Warner]

Mayor Pro Tem Warner asked that this be moved to a future meeting.

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 Council Member Warner, 2nd by Council Member Hetherington, the meeting was closed, with all Council Members and the Mayor present and voting in favor.

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

The meeting reconvened at 7:28 p.m.

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 7:28 p.m.



Barbara Bender, Mayor



Melisa Arnold, City Clerk