

WORK SESSION OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA MONDAY, JULY 28, 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, Chief Greg Perry, Planning and Development Director Jason Thompson, and City Clerk Melisa Arnold.

CALL TO ORDER

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

REVIEW REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS

Planning Director Thompson reviewed SUP 25-02 and 25-03 with the Mayor and Council. During discussion of SUP 25-02, the storage building on Pharrs Road, Planning Director Thompson said they recommended denial of the variance regarding EIFS (Exterior Insulation and Finish System) installation. Brief discussion followed on the remaining agenda items.

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Bender reminded everyone about some upcoming business events and ribbon cuttings.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Crowley said an Executive Session is needed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Update of Ongoing Projects [Bender]

City Manager Pepper talked about a draft policy and application for special event requests at The Grove. After discussion the consensus was to move forward with the drafts and to email the application to the Mayor and Council for review. He continued his update with the status of the restaurants and other projects.

City Manager Pepper talked about a drone delivery program that Walmart may roll out and upcoming millage rate hearings.

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).

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• Upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee, which is excluded pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3(b)(2).

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

The meeting was closed at 7:06 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:22 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 7:22 p.m.

Barbara Bender, Mayor

Melisa Arnold, City Clerk