



WORK SESSION
OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA
MONDAY, JUNE 9, 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, Parks and Recreation Director Lisa Platt, Public Information Officer Brian Arrington, Downtown Development Director Jan Harris, IT Administrator Erika Fleeman and City Clerk Melisa Arnold.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bender called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

REVIEW REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS

The agenda was reviewed. Mayor Bender said that Kelly McAloon would be doing a presentation on behalf of the Run the Regan Board to South Gwinnett Cluster during Ceremonial Matters.

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Bender confirmed that a ribbon cutting invitation had been emailed to all of the Council.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion About Security at Briscoe Park [Warner]

Mayor and Council talked about the steps that have been implemented at the Park since the two (2) shootings occurred. The measures in place are hiring extra private security for the weekends, police performing extra patrols throughout the park and getting proposals for Flock cameras and a lighting assessment.

Update of Ongoing Projects [Bender]

City Manager Pepper gave an update on the progress in the Towne Center. Assistant City Manager Montgomery gave an update on recent discussions surrounding branding and expanding the Entertainment District boundaries. She asked the Mayor and Council to review the requested code amendments and expanded boundaries so an amendment can be considered at the July 14th meeting.

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City Manager Pepper continued his update on sidewalks, the recycling program, and he said that Planning and Development Director Thompson would be bringing some code amendments forward at the July 14th meeting. He also talked about the information that will be included on a new City FAQ page that will have a QR code published on the tax bills for easy access by the citizens.

He discussed funding of the Community Center and asked about using the Georgia Municipal Association's Brick and Mortar finance program to help alleviate some stress on the General Fund. After discussion the consensus was to explore the funding idea.

Discussion About Transitioning from Snellville.org to Snellville.gov [Warner]

Mayor Pro Tem Warner said he thought having a .gov website would be more secure than the .org site. More information will be gathered and sent to the Mayor and Council.

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 7:29 p.m.



Barbara Bender, Mayor



Melisa Arnold, City Clerk