



SPECIAL CALLED PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA
TUESDAY, MAY 27, 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, Police Chief Greg Perry, IT Administrator Erika Fleeman and City Clerk Melisa Arnold.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bender called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

INVOCATION

Council Member Carter gave the invocation.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Council Member Schulz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

None

MINUTES

Approve the Minutes of the May 12, 2025 Meetings

Council Member Schulz made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2025 meetings, 2nd by Mayor Pro Tem Warner; voted 5 in favor and 1 abstention, with Council Member Hetherington abstaining; motion was approved 6 in favor and 0 opposed. (Per Article II, Division 1, Section 2-47 of the Code of Ordinances, an abstention shall be counted as an affirmative vote.)

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 Carter; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

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PUBLIC HEARING

Provide Citizens the Opportunity to Submit Written and Oral Comments on the Proposed Operating Budget of the City of Snellville for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Mayor Bender opened the floor to public comment and explained that any person may come forward to speak about the proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget.

No one came forward so Mayor Bender closed public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Right of Way Purchases for the North Road and Wisteria Drive Intersection Improvement

Mayor Bender explained that the property purchases being approved were for the right-of-way needed for the improvement project.

Mayor Pro Tem Warner made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, 2nd by Council Member Hetherington; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

Manager Pepper negotiated right-of-way for the North Road and Wisteria Drive intersection improvements. There were 11 properties totaling 47,328 square feet that were purchased at an average cost of \$10.71 per square foot.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1st Reading – ORD 2025-11 – Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget for Each Fund of the City of Snellville, Georgia, Appropriating the Amounts Shown in Each Budget as Expenditures/Expenses, Adopting the Several Items of Revenue anticipations, and Prohibiting Expenditures or Expenses from Exceeding the Actual Funding Available [Bender]

Mayor Bender explained that this first reading will be waived under normal procedure and that the final adoption will be June 9, 2025.

Council Member Lenski made a motion to waive the first reading and place it on the June 9, 2025 agenda, 2nd by Council Member Carter; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

City Manager Pepper gave an overview of the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget of \$16,826,170.00.

1st Reading – ORD 2025-12 - An Ordinance to Amend the Solid Waste Ordinance (Chapter 46); to Provide for and Amend Procedures Establishing Fees for Solid Waste; to Provide Severability; to Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; to Provide an Effective Date; and for Other Purposes [Bender]

Mayor Bender explained that this ordinance is to update the way solid waste fees are handled. The fee will now be set by resolution. She explained that for the last 20+ years the City has been subsidizing the cost of solid waste from the General Fund. Last year the subsidy was \$1.3 million and has become unsustainable. The solid waste contract is about to expire and the cost will more than double what the City currently pays.

Council Member Schulz made a motion to waive the first reading, 2nd by Council Member Hetherington; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

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Consideration and Action on Purchase of Modular Vehicle Barrier from Advanced Security Technologies [Bender]

Chief Perry explained that they have been exploring security options for City events. After research, this barrier system appears to be the best option and comes recommended from other agencies. The funding to pay for the public safety initiative will come from Redspeed funds.

Council Member Lenski made a motion to approve the purchase of the Modular Vehicle Barrier System from Advanced Security in the amount of \$192,020.00, 2nd by Mayor Pro Tem Warner. Mayor and Council talked about the purchase.

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

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Members Carter, Hetherington, 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:

Chonda Monroe-Lumpkins, 2225 Wisteria Drive, Snellville.

Kurt Schulz, 2027 Tanglewood Drive, Snellville.

Rachelle Brown, 2225 Wisteria Drive, Snellville.


EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Hetherington made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Council Member Carter; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.


Barbara Bender, Mayor


Melisa Arnold, City Clerk