



**SPECIAL CALLED WORK SESSION
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, 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**

The agenda was reviewed and discussed.

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE

None

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Crowley said he would need an Executive Session.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Update of Ongoing Projects [Bender]

City Manager Pepper reviewed the progress at The Grove. Assistant Manager Montgomery announced they are working on policies, events and branding for the area as well.

City Manager Pepper continued with his update including sidewalk project, recycling program, and the Community Center.

Planning Director Thompson gave an update on his research regarding detention ponds. He said most Cities he researched have adopted the Gwinnett County ordinance by reference and that ordinance doesn't allow underground detention ponds in residential areas. After discussion by the Mayor and Council consensus was to have Director Thompson draft an ordinance that addresses additional screening requirements.

Discussion about City Code Section 38-91 [Bender]

Chief Perry talked about the loitering code. He said that it is not enforceable as written and other jurisdictions have done away with it completely. Attorney Crowley recommended removal from the Code of Ordinances. Consensus was to move forward with the amendment to remove the section and put the first reading on the June 9, 2025 agenda.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Bender read the closed meeting notice into the record as follows:

- To authorize negotiations to purchase, dispose of, or lease property; authorize the ordering of an appraisal related to the acquisition or disposal of real estate; enter into a contract to purchase, dispose of, or lease property subject to approval in a subsequent public vote; or enter into an option to purchase, dispose of, or lease real estate subject to approval in subsequent public vote, which is excluded from the Open Meetings Act pursuant to Section 50-14-3(b)(1)(C).

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

The meeting was closed at 7:10 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:16 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Warner made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Council Member Hetherington; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.



Barbara Bender, Mayor



Melisa Arnold, City Clerk