

# WORK SESSION OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2021

Present: Mayor Barbara Bender, Mayor Pro Tem Dave Emanuel, Council Members Solange Destang, Cristy Lenski, Gretchen Schulz, and Tod Warner. Also present City Manager Butch Sanders, City Attorney Chuck Ross and Attorney Jay Crowley with Powell and Edwards Attorneys at Law, Chief Roy Whitehead, Assistant Chief Greg Perry, Public Information Officer Brian Arrington, Parks and Recreation Director Lisa Platt, Economic Development Manager Eric Van Otteren and City Clerk Melisa Arnold.

#### CALL TO ORDER

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

## REVIEW REGULAR BUSINESS MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor and Council reviewed the agendas. During the review Eric Van Otteren advised that New Business Item 'a' could be removed from the agenda as the Downtown Development Authority acted on that item and a Council action was not needed.

#### REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE

City Manager Sanders said he had an item for Executive Session.

#### CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Ross advised he had an item for Executive Session.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

Update of Ongoing Projects [Bender]

City Manager Sanders reviewed the Towne Center and project update lists.

#### Landscaping of the two City round-a-bouts [Schulz]

Council Member Schulz asked for an update. City Manager Sanders advised he was working with Gwinnett County on an agreement to send back with a landscaping plan.

#### Beautification of Retention Pond 78/124 and Walls along Hwy 78 Update [Emanuel]

Mayor Pro Tem Emanuel asked for an update. City Manager Sanders advised he was working with Georgia Department of Transportation for a plan for the walls along Highway 78 and working with Jon Davis on a plan for the retention area.

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#### <u>Update on Senior Center Reopening [Lenski]</u>

Council Member Lenski asked for an update on the plans for the Senior Center. Parks and Recreation Director Platt advised they had a soft opening planned for May with some singular events scheduled and are hoping to have the Center fully operational in June.

### Allocation of Federal COVID Relief Funds [Warner]

Council Member Warner said he wanted to make sure the Mayor and Council had input on use of the funds. City Manager Sanders said the funds were only able to be used for certain things and he would get their input.

#### **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).
- 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 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 Emanuel, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 7:03 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:47 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Emanuel made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Schulz; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Barbara Bender, Mayor

Melisa Arnold, City Clerk