

WORK SESSION OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2023

Present: Mayor Barbara Bender, Mayor Pro Tem Tod Warner, Council Members Solange Destang, Dave Emanuel, Cristy Lenski, and Gretchen Schulz. Also present City Manager Butch Sanders, Assistant City Manager Matthew Pepper, City Attorney Chuck Ross with Powell and Edwards Attorneys at Law, Planning and Development Director Jason Thompson, Public Works Director Craig Barton, Lieutenant Brian Rankin, Public Information Officer Brian Arrington and City Clerk Melisa Arnold.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bender called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

REVIEW REGULAR BUSINESS MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS

During discussion of the agenda Mayor Bender pointed out a typographical error in one of the ordinances for the public hearing. Consensus was to include the correction in the motion if needed.

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE

None

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Ross said there is a large Quality of Life Court being held on Thursday, August 17th and said that he needs an Executive Session.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Update of Ongoing Projects [Bender]

City Manager Sanders gave an update on the Towne Center and several other projects.

Update from the Christmas Decoration Committee [Bender]

Council Member Lenski gave a report on the Committee's discussions about types of decorations and locations as well as the various costs. Mayor Bender asked for a breakdown of the costs involved.

City Public Communications [Bender]

Mayor Bender asked about sending out City communications in Spanish going forward. Public Information Officer Brian Arrington said that he would work on that.

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Discussion About Certain Businesses Having Cameras [Schulz]

Council Member Schulz asked about having gas stations put up cameras. City Attorney Chuck Ross said that he has reviewed the ordinances for Dekalb County and the City of Atlanta and he would like to study more before rendering a decision.

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).

Upon a motion by Council Member Emanuel, 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 7:26 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:33 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Emanuel made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Council Member Warner; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Barbara Bender, Mayor

Melisa Arnold, City Clerk