



PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 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 and Assistant City Attorney Jay Crowley with Powell and Edwards Attorneys at Law, Assistant Police Chief Dave Matson, Public Information Officer Brian Arrington, IT Administrator Erika Fleeman and City Clerk Melisa Arnold.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bender called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

INVOCATION

Mike Sabbagh gave the invocation.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Snellville Youth Commission Members Winta Momo and Narjise Koko led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

PRO 2023-03 – Recognition of the Brookwood Marching Band

Mayor Bender read the proclamation into the record and presented it to Brookwood High School faculty and band members.

MINUTES

Approve the Minutes of the January 9, 2023 Meetings

Council Member Emanuel made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2023 meetings, 2nd by Council Member Destang; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

INVITED GUESTS

Gwinnett County District 3 Commissioner Jasper Watkins was present and spoke about County initiatives.

COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Snellville Youth Commission

Winta Momo and Narjise Koko spoke about recent activities the SYC has been involved in as well as several upcoming events.

City of Snellville Administration Department

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Council Member Lenski made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business item “b” Consideration and Action on RES 2023-02 – Moratorium on New CBD/Cannabis stores, 2nd by Council Member Emanuel; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

CONSENT AGENDA

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration and Action on Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Gwinnett County for Sidewalk Projects on Skyland Drive and Pinehurst Road [Bender]

City Manager Sanders spoke about the projects being done in conjunction with Gwinnett County. Council Member Schulz made a motion to authorize Mayor Bender to sign the IGA with Gwinnett County for Sidewalk Projects on Skyland Drive and Pinehurst Road, 2nd by Council Member Emanuel; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

Consideration and Action on RES 2023-02 – Moratorium on New CBD/Cannabis stores

Mayor Bender explained the City is instituting a six (6) month moratorium on these types of businesses to see if any legislation is brought forward to address the issue of illegal sale of products.

Council Member Lenski made a motion to approve RES 2023-02 a resolution to provide for a study regarding the changes necessary to the Unified Development Ordinance of the City of Snellville related to the regulation of “CBD stores”, 2nd by Council Member Emanuel; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Members Destang, Lenski, Schulz, Emanuel 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:

Elaine Tully, 1989 Harbour Oaks Drive, Snellville.

Barry Wiggs, 2210 Stockton Walk Lane, Snellville.

Kurt Schulz, 2027 Tanglewood Drive, Snellville.

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Tricia Rawlins, 2088 Harbour Oaks Drive, Snellville.
Lisa Layton, 1952 Masthaven Court, Snellville.
Gary Murphy, 1979 Harbour Oaks Drive, Snellville.
Rodney Lois, 1948 Harbour Oaks Drive, Snellville.
Randy Layton, 1952 Masthaven Court, Snellville.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

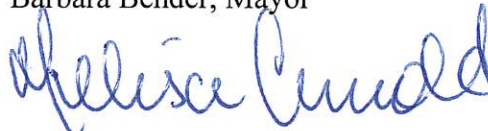
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ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Emanuel made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Mayor Pro Tem Warner; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.



Barbara Bender, Mayor



Melisa Arnold, City Clerk

STATE OF GEORGIA

CITY OF SNELLVILLE

RES 2023-02

**RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR A STUDY REGARDING THE CHANGES
NECESSARY TO THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF
SNELLVILLE RELATED TO THE REGULATION OF “CBD STORES”**

WHEREAS, Cannabidiol (“CBD”) and Cannabis-based products are largely unregulated under the law; and

WHEREAS, the health impacts of CBD and Cannabis-based products are largely unknown; and

WHEREAS, issues surrounding the regulation of stores which sell Cannabis-based products or CBD (CBD Stores) continue to be one of a complicated nature; and

WHEREAS, the Unified Development Ordinance of the City of Snellville has not been updated to address these issues; and


WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council believe it is in the best interest of the Citizens of Snellville to study the current status of the Unified Development Ordinance in relation to CBD Stores; therefore

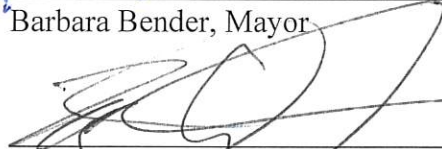
BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Snellville that the Planning and Zoning Department will conduct a study to investigate the current status and proposed necessary changes to the Unified Development Ordinance of the City of Snellville in regard to CBD Stores in the City of Snellville. For the purpose of this moratorium, a “CBD Store” shall be defined as any business whose principal product line for retail sale are products containing Cannabidiol (CBD) and/or Cannabis-based products in any form.

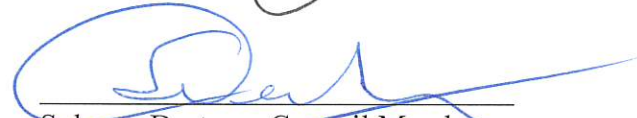
For purposes of this Resolution, “principal” shall mean that products containing CBD, constitute at least twenty-five percent of the business’s aggregate retail sales or more than twenty-five percent of the floor area of a business building is devoted to the sale or advertisement for sale of CBD products.


During the study period, the Department of Planning and Zoning is hereby directed not to issue any permits or accept any applications for “CBD stores” in the City of Snellville. Said study shall begin at 12:00 AM on January 23, 2023 and conclude at 12:00 AM on July 23, 2023.

SO RESOLVED this 23rd day of January, 2023.


Barbara Bender, Mayor


Tod Warner, Mayor Pro Tem

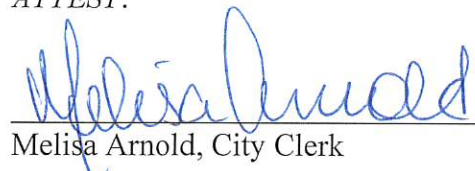

Solange Destang, Council Member


Dave Emanuel, Council Member



Cristy Lenski, Council Member


Gretchen Schulz, Council Member

ATTEST:


Melisa Arnold, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


W. Charles Ross, City Attorney
Powell & Edwards, Attorneys at Law, P.C.