



WORK SESSION
OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA
MONDAY, JULY 24, 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, Parks and Recreation Director Lisa Platt, Public Information Officer Brian Arrington, and Captain Zach Spahr (Chief Greg Perry and City Clerk Melisa Arnold were absent).

CALL TO ORDER

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

REVIEW REGULAR BUSINESS MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS

The agenda items were reviewed. During the discussion, Mayor Bender informed the Council that the City had not received the amended contract from Waste Management. The amended contract includes a 4% Cost-Of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for all commercial services and language that reflects the recent change in the City's residential recycling program. The Mayor and Council reached a consensus to authorize the Mayor to sign the amended contract pending a review from the City Attorney.

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Ross requested approval from the Mayor and Council to move forward with the abatement process for the property located at 2554 West Main Street. After discussion, the consensus of Mayor and Council was to start the abatement process.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Update of Ongoing Projects [Bender]

City Manager Sanders gave an update on the Towne Center and other projects. He stated that the new library building will be turned over to Gwinnett County on July 28th. He advised that Gwinnett County Water Resources will host an informational session on July 25th from 6:00 – 8:00 PM for residents that will be impacted by the water line replacement project on Valley Creek Circle and Pinehurst Drive. During the review, he said that Jacobs will conduct the stakeholder interviews for the Comprehensive Plan update on August 10th and 11th. Jacobs will attend the August 14th Regular Meeting to explain the update process to the Mayor and Council.

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City Managers Sanders distributed a memo to the Mayor and Council to explain the upcoming changes to the City's recycling program. He stated that residents will be able to sign up for the program (on a pro rata basis) beginning August 1st.

Discussion About Request to Name a Previously Unnamed Section of a Local Creek to Nelson Williams Creek [Bender]

Mayor and Council reached a consensus to move forward with the process to name the section of the creek after Nelson Williams.

Christmas Decoration Ad-Hoc Committee Report [Warner]

Council Member Lenksi reviewed the committee's recommendations for the City's Christmas decorations. During the report, Council Member Lenksi outlined an option to lease the decorations for three (3) years. In addition, she stated that the City would need to address the power needs for the decorative poles located on Highway 78 West and at the intersection of Highway 78 and Highway 124. The City had previously received two (2) quotes to complete this work. The Mayor and Council reached a consensus to move forward with the quote from USA Electric for \$15,000.

Tree-Save Area in The Grove [Schulz]

City Manager Sanders explained that the overgrowth and invasive species in the tree-save area will be removed in the coming weeks.

Update on Recycling Program [Warner]

The Mayor and Council discussed the recycling program during the "Update of Ongoing Projects" report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Emanuel made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Council Member Destang; voted six (6) in favor and zero (0) opposed, motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.



Barbara Bender, Mayor



Matthew Pepper, City Manager