



SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023

Present: Mayor Barbara Bender, Mayor Pro Tem Tod Warner, Council Members Dave Emanuel, Cristy Lenski, Gretchen Schulz and Council Member-Elect Kerry Hetherington. (Council Member Solange Destang was absent.) Also present City Manager Butch Sanders, Assistant City Manager Matthew Pepper, City Attorney Chuck Ross with Powell and Edwards Attorneys at Law, Chief Greg Perry, Public Information Officer Brian Arrington and City Clerk Melisa Arnold.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bender called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

INVOCATION

Pastor Brian Boyles with Church on Main gave the invocation.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Snellville Youth Commission Members Saly Fentahum and Hana Anteneh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Administer Oath of Office to Barbara Bender for the Mayor's Post

Judge J. Taire administered the Oath of Office to Barbara Bender for the Mayor's post.

Administer Oath of Office to Kerry Hetherington for City Council Post 2

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Council Member Hetherington took her seat on the dais.

PRO 2023-18 - Honoring Council Member Dave Emanuel

Mayor Bender read the proclamation into record recognizing Council Member Emanuel's 12 years of public service to the City of Snellville and presented it to him.

Experience Snellville (STAT) Recognition of Service Awards

Executive Director Kelly McAloon recognized outgoing Board Members Jared Eakins and Alice Snipes.

MINUTES

Approve the Minutes of the October 23, 2023 Meetings

Council Member Emanuel made a motion to approve the October 23, 2023 minutes, 2nd by Council Member Lenski; voted 5 in favor and 1 abstention with Council Member Hetherington abstaining.

City of Snellville Administration Department

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The motion was approved 6 in favor and 0 opposed. (Per Article II, Division 1, Section 2-47 of the Code of Ordinances, an abstention shall be counted as an affirmative vote.)

INVITED GUESTS

None

COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Council Member Lenski made a motion to approve the agenda for the November 15, 2023 Special Called Meeting, 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 Ratification of the November 7, 2023 General Election Results:

Mayor (Unopposed)

Barbara Bender – 1,516

Council Post 1:

Norman A. Carter - 843

Catherine Hardrick - 858

Elizdine Heathington – 45

Since no candidate received a majority vote for Council Post 1 a run-off will be scheduled for Tuesday, December 5, 2023 between Norman Carter and Catherine Hardrick.

Council Post 2:

Solange Destang - 699

Kerry Hetherington – 1,029

Mayor Bender read the election results into the record. The results were ratified 6 in favor and 0 opposed.

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Mayor's Nomination and Council Confirmation of Deborah Jones to Snellville Tourism and Trade (STAT) Board Post 3 for the Term of 2024 to 2025 [Bender]

Mayor Bender nominated Deborah Jones to Post 3, confirmed 6 in favor and 0 opposed, nomination approved.

Mayor's Nomination and Council Confirmation of Stephanie McDonald to Snellville Tourism and Trade (STAT) Board Post 5 for the Term of 2024 to 2025 [Bender]

Mayor Bender nominated Stephanie McDonald to Post 5, confirmed 6 in favor and 0 opposed, nomination approved.

Consideration and Action on Approval of Contract for Extra Drainage Work on Springdale Drive [Bender]

Mayor Bender explained that Gwinnett County advised the City additional drainage work needed to be done due to the sidewalk project.

Council Member Schulz made a motion to approve the contract with Backbone Infrastructure, LLC for the cost of \$209,240, 2nd by Council Member Emanuel; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Hetherington, 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:

Kurt Schulz, 2027 Tanglewood Drive, Snellville.

Deborah Jones, 1657 Ramblewood Way, Snellville.

CJ Pitts, 2704 Hickory Smoke Court, Snellville.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

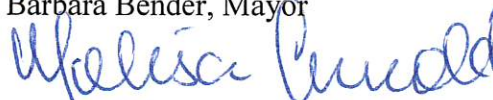
None

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Emanuel made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Council Member Lenski; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.



Barbara Bender, Mayor



Melisa Arnold, City Clerk