



PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2022

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, Assistant City Manager Matthew Pepper, City Attorney Chuck Ross and Assistant City Attorney Jay Crowley with Powell and Edwards Attorneys at Law, Chief Greg Perry, Captain Zach Spahr, IT Administrator Erika Fleeman, and City Clerk Melisa Arnold.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bender called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**INVOCATION**

Snellville Police Chaplain Elizabeth Hendrick gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

Winta Mamo and Narjise Koko with the Snellville Youth Commission led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CEREMONIAL MATTERS**

**MINUTES**

Approve the Minutes of the October 10, 2022 Meetings

Mayor Pro Tem Emanuel made a motion to approve the October 10, 2022 minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Destang; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

**INVITED GUESTS**

None

**COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Snellville Youth Commission

Winta Mamo and Narjise Koko with the Snellville Youth Commission reported on recent activities and how the students have benefited from their involvement in the Commission.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Council Member Schulz made a motion to approve the agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Warner; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**City of Snellville Administration Department**

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - ORD 2022-17 - An Ordinance to provide for participation by the City of Snellville ("Participating Employer" or "Employer") in the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System (GMEBS) Life and Health Program, in accordance with and subject to the terms of the GMEBS Life and Health Program Trust Agreement, the GMEBS Life and Health Program Participation Agreement, the Participating Employer's Declaration Page(s), and the Rules governing the Program, all as authorized and provided by Chapter 5 of Title 47 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes [Bender]

Mayor Bender explained that this ordinance is required by Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) and will allow the City to move the health insurance plan over to the Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Association (GIRMA) plan offered by GMA.

Mayor Pro Tem Emanuel made a motion to approve ORD 2022-17, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Destang; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. (A copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes.)

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Council Members Destang, Warner, Lenski, Schulz and Mayor Pro Tem Emanuel each gave a report.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Bender gave a report.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following person spoke:

Tricia Rawlins, 2088 Harbour Oaks Drive, Snellville.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

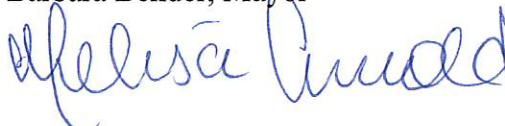
None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pro Tem Emanuel made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Lenski; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.



Barbara Bender, Mayor



Melisa Arnold, City Clerk

ORD 2022-17  
**AN ORDINANCE**

An Ordinance to provide for participation by the City of Snellville (“Participating Employer” or “Employer”) in the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System (GMEBS) Life and Health Program, in accordance with and subject to the terms of the GMEBS Life and Health Program Trust Agreement, the GMEBS Life and Health Program Participation Agreement, the Participating Employer’s Declaration Page(s), and the Rules governing the Program, all as authorized and provided by Chapter 5 of Title 47 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the Participating Employer has determined that it wishes to provide certain employee benefits to its employees by participating in the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System Life and Health Program (“GMEBS Life and Health Program” or “Program”) and by making contributions to the GMEBS Life and Health Program Trust Fund (“Trust Fund”); and

WHEREAS, the Participating Employer has reviewed the terms of the GMEBS Life and Health Program Trust Agreement (“Trust Agreement” or “Trust”), which Trust is intended to be a tax-exempt trust established under Internal Revenue Code Section 115 and under the applicable laws of the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Participating Employer has reviewed the terms and conditions of the GMEBS Life and Health Program Participation Agreement (“Participation Agreement”) and the various forms of coverage and/or benefit plans offered under the GMEBS Life & Health Program; and

WHEREAS, the Participating Employer has reviewed the Declaration Page(s) (“Declaration”) accompanying the GMEBS Life and Health Program Participation Agreement and has completed and will amend, as necessary or required, said Declaration to reflect its elections with respect to employee eligibility requirements and Program benefits that the Participating Employer intends to make available to eligible employees; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council/Commission of the Participating Employer (“Governing Authority”) is authorized by law to adopt this Ordinance, the Trust Agreement, the Participation Agreement, and the Declaration on behalf of the Participating Employer;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Governing Authority of the Participating Employer and it is ordained by the authority thereof:

**Section 1.** The Participating Employer hereby adopts and agrees to be bound by the terms of the following GMEBS Life and Health Program Trust Agreement, the Participation Agreement, and Declaration which are attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance. The Participating Employer also agrees to be bound by any Program Rules adopted by the GMEBS Board of Trustees (“Trustees”). The Participating Employer further agrees to abide by the terms of any amendments made by the Trustees to the Trust Agreement or the Program Rules.



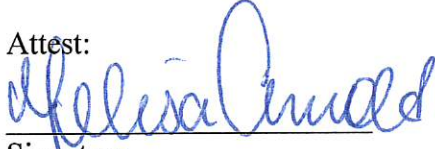
**Section 2. Severability.** In the event that any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall in no manner affect the previously existing provisions or the other section or sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect, as if the section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase so declared or adjudicated invalid or unconstitutional were not originally a part hereof. The Governing Authority hereby declares that it would have adopted the remaining parts of this Ordinance or retained the previously existing provisions if it had known that such part or parts hereof would be declared or adjudicated invalid or unconstitutional.

**Section 3. Approval by Trustees or the Program Administrator.** The Participating Employer's Ordinance and Declaration are subject to approval by the Trustees or the Program Administrator. The Trustees or Program Administrator may refuse to approve or may delay the effective date of an Ordinance and Participation Agreement or Declaration that is not in order as determined by the Trustees or the Program Administrator. The Governing Authority of the Participating Employer hereby acknowledges that it is responsible to assure that this Ordinance is adopted and executed by the Participating Employer in accordance with the requirements of applicable law.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall be effective on the date of approval by the Governing Authority or, if later, such other effective date designated by the Trustees below upon approval and acceptance of the signed Ordinance and Declaration.

**Section 5. Repeal.** All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are expressly repealed.

Approved by the Governing Authority of Snellville, this 24th  
day of October, 20 22

Attest:  
  
Signature

Melisa Arnold  
City Clerk

(SEAL)

Approved:  
  
Signature

W. Charles Ross  
Attorney

  
Signature

Barbara Bender  
Mayor

**PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR'S APPROVAL**

The terms of the foregoing Resolution and Participation Agreement are approved on behalf of Georgia Municipal Association, Inc., the Program Administrator of the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System.

The effective date of the Employer's participation in the GMEBS Life and Health Program will be \_\_\_\_\_ [insert date only if the Program Administrator's approved effective date for Employer's participation is later than effective date designated in Section 4 above].

Georgia Municipal Association, Inc., Program Administrator  
Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Director, Life & Health Services      Date: \_\_\_\_\_