



SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
APPEAL HEARINGS OF APPLICATION FOR LICENSE TO SELL ALCOHOLIC  
BEVERAGE BY THE PACKAGE  
CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 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, Chief Greg Perry, Public Information Officer Brian Arrington and City Clerk Melisa Arnold.

A copy of the video for this meeting will be maintained and attached to these minutes.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bender called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

City Attorney Ross explained the format of the hearings. He advised that Mayor and Council will either affirm or overturn the City Manager's decision and if any are over turned those applications will go in the "hopper" for a random selection of an alcohol license.

**APPEAL HEARINGS BY APPLICANTS**

Mayor Bender called the first case; Seth Wiredu - Niko's Wine Depot/Snellville Beverage – 1890 Rockdale Circle.

City Manager Sanders reviewed his decision and listed the reasons for denial.

Mayor and Council had no questions for the City Manager.

Sheila Francois, 4213 Scenic Mountain Drive, Snellville was present representing the applicant, Mr. Sethe Wiredu. Ms. Francois presented the case for appeal.

Mayor and Council asked questions of Ms. Francois.

Council Member Lenski made a motion to uphold the City Manager's decision to deny, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor Pro Tem Warner; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

Mayor Bender called the second case; Donald R. Camp - Snellville Beverage Store – 1945 Pharrs Road.

City Manager Sanders reviewed his decision and listed the reasons for denial.

Mayor and Council had no questions for the City Manager.

Attorney Matt Reeves, Andersen, Tate & Carr, 1 Sugarloaf Center, Duluth was present representing the applicants, Dwight Harrison, Donald Camp, and Ronald Harrison. Mr. Reeves presented the case for appeal.

Mr. Ron Harrison, 1860 North Aiken Drive, Atlanta came forward to speak as the General Manager for their Loganville location.

Attorney Reeves finished his presentation and answered questions of the Mayor and Council.

**City of Snellville Administration Department**

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Council Member Lenski made a motion to uphold the City Manager's denial, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor Pro Tem Warner; voted 5 in favor and 1 opposed with Council Member Destang casting the opposing vote. The motion was approved.

Mayor Bender called for a 5-minute recess at 7:17 p.m.  
The meeting reconvened at 7:22 p.m.

Mayor Bender called the third case; Jatin Shah - Niko's Fine Spirits #2 - 2752 W. Main Street. City Manager Sanders reviewed his decision and listed the reasons for denial.

Mayor and Council had no questions for the City Manager.

Attorney Warren Auld, 2814 Williams Place, Snellville was present representing the applicant, Mr. Jatin Shah. Attorney Auld presented their case for the appeal.

Jatin Shah, 824 Olmstead Lane, Duluth spoke about the agreement with Gwinnett Clinic for the easement.

Attorney Auld finished his presentation and answered questions of the Mayor and Council.

Council Member Lenski made a motion to overturn the City Managers denial, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor Pro Tem Warner; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. This application stands approved.

Mayor Bender called the fourth case; Kelly Kautz - Snellville Beverage Center, LLC - 2145 East Main Street.

City Manager Sanders reviewed his decision and listed the reasons for denial.

Mayor and Council had no questions for the City Manager.

Applicant, Kelly Kautz, 3085 Sawgrass Trail, Lilburn presented the case for the appeal.

She asked that exhibits 1 through 42 be included on record for the appeal. (Attached to and made a part of these minutes.)

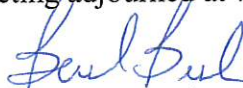
Mayor and Council asked questions of Ms. Kautz.

Council Member Destang made a motion to overturn the denial by the City Manager, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor Pro Tem Warner; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. The application stands approved.

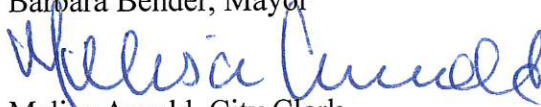
Attorney Reeves, representing applicants Donald Camp and Dwight Harrison, came forward and asked their case be reconsidered. City Attorney Ross and Mayor Bender advised the hearings are complete and any appeal should be done with the Superior Court.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Emanuel made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Destang; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.



Barbara Bender, Mayor



Melisa Arnold, City Clerk