



SPECIAL CALLED WORK SESSION
OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025

Present: Mayor Barbara Bender, Mayor Pro Tem Norman A. Carter Jr., Council Members Richelle Brown, Catherine Hardrick, and Shaunt'e Pitt. Also present City Manager Matthew Pepper, Assistant City Manager Mercy Montgomery, City Attorney Jay Crowley with Powell and Crowley, Chief Greg Perry, Public Information Officer Brian Arrington, Code Enforcement Officer Johnny Greene and City Clerk Melisa Arnold.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bender called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion of Sanitation Bid Specifications [Bender]

City Manager Pepper reviewed the proposed changes to the bid specifications. He explained that the commercial will basically stay the same and that the changes address residential services. Discussion was held about putting a cap on the number of extra carts residence can order and the consensus was to allow for 2 extra carts through the City's existing program.

Discussion was held about the blue bag program currently in place. During the discussion City Manager Pepper explained that one of the new programs being considered was the pickup of two (2) bulk items once a week so consensus was to do away with the blue bag program and replace it with the bulk item pick up service. The City branded yard waste bag program was also discussed as part of this and consensus was the service will stay but City branded bags are no longer required. A neighborhood clean-up program was reviewed and discussed. City Manager Pepper explained that this would be a tool used by Code Enforcement to assist areas in need. After discussion the consensus was there were still details to be worked out, but to include the program in the bid to see if it could be used successfully.

Further discussion was held on the reason for the increased cost in the sanitation service, the history and the current status of the recycling program, possible exemptions and service adjustments. Since these were not bid related consensus was to discuss at a later date.

City Manager Pepper confirmed that the Mayor and Council were in agreement with the proposed changes and then reviewed the bid process and timeline.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Bender read the closed meeting notice into the record as follows:

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- To authorize negotiations to purchase, dispose of, or lease property; authorize the ordering of an appraisal related to the acquisition or disposal of real estate; enter into a contract to purchase, dispose of, or lease property subject to approval in a subsequent public vote; or enter into an option to purchase, dispose of, or lease real estate subject to approval in subsequent public vote, which is excluded from the Open Meetings Act pursuant to Section 50-14-3(b)(1)(C).

Upon a motion by Council Member Hetherington, 2nd by Mayor Pro Tem Carter, with all Council Members and the Mayor present and voting in favor.

The meeting was closed at 7:32 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:36 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Hetherington made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Mayor Pro Tem Carter; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.



Barbara Bender, Mayor



Melisa Arnold, City Clerk