

WORK SESSION OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

Present: Mayor Barbara Bender, Mayor Pro Tem Tod Warner, Council Members Norman A. Carter Jr., Kerry Hetherington, Cristy Lenski, and Gretchen Schulz. Also present City Manager Matthew Pepper, Assistant City Manager Mercy Montgomery, City Attorney Jay Crowley with Powell and Crowley, Chief Greg Perry, Downtown Development Director Jan Harris, Public Information Officer Brian Arrington, and City Clerk Melisa Arnold.

CALL TO ORDER

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

REVIEW REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS

The agenda was reviewed.

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE

None

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Crowley said an Executive Session is needed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Update of Ongoing Projects [Bender]

City Manager Pepper gave an update on The Grove restaurants and other projects. The current City seal was discussed and the consensus was to look at removing the "Striving for the Highest" motto from the bottom of the seal and change the verbiage to "City of Snellville" across the top and add "Georgia" around the bottom.

City Manager Pepper gave an update on the Georgia Municipal Association financing procedures for the Community Center.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

• To discuss pending and/or potential litigation, settlement claims, administrative proceedings or other judicial actions, which is exempt from the Open Meetings Act pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-2(1).

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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 Mayor Pro Tem Warner, 2nd by Council Member Schulz, the meeting was closed, with all Council Members and the Mayor present and voting in favor.

The meeting was closed at 6:55 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:09 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Hetherington made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Mayor Pro Tem Warner; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Barbara Bender, Mayor

Melisa Arnold, City Clerk