



WORK SESSION
OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 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 Tony Powell with Powell and Crowley, Captain John Tainter, Public Planning and Development Director Jason Thompson, Public Works Director David Mitchell and City Clerk Melisa Arnold. (Public Information Officer Brian Arrington was absent.)

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 and discussed.

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE

None

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Powell asked for an Executive Session.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Update of Ongoing Projects [Bender]

City Manager Pepper gave an update on the Towne Center.

Assistant City Manager Montgomery presented the final Entertainment District logo to the Mayor and Council, explaining its symbolism. After a discussion, the Mayor and Council decided to proceed with the logo.

City Manager Pepper continued with his update including information on the sanitation bid process. During discussion Mayor Bender suggested that a future work session be scheduled so they can discuss the bid.

Discussion about EV Chargers for New Residential and Commercial Projects [Warner]

Mayor Pro Tem Warner asked about updating the code to require Level 3 chargers in multifamily and commercial developments. After discussion about the complexity and expense of the chargers, the consensus was the idea required more thought and discussion.

Discussion about Updates on Snellville Youth Commission Change Proposals [Lenski]

Council Member Lenski said she has completed updates on the proposed changes to the Youth Commission and said it will be on the September 22, 2025 agenda for a vote.

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Discussion About Towne Green Committee Progress [Carter]

Council Member Carter reported that the Committee had its first meeting and had some ideas to assist in restoration of the Green.

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).

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 7:05 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:10 p.m.

Mayor Bender announced that the Towne Green Committee that was formed is made up of the following people; Council Member Norman Carter, Mayor Pro Tem Tod Warner, Kurt Schulz, STAT Executive Director Kelly McAloon, Charlene Britt with the Farmer's Market, and Public Works Director David Mitchell. She stated that Council Member Norman Carter will be the Chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Schulz made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Council Member Hetherington; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.



Barbara Bender, Mayor



Melisa Arnold, City Clerk