

PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA
MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2025

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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 Zach Spahr, Public Information Officer Brian Arrington, IT Administrator Erika Fleeman and City Clerk Melisa Arnold.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bender called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

INVOCATION

City Attorney Powell gave the invocation.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Bender led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

None

MINUTES

Approve the Minutes of the July 28, 2025 Meetings

Mayor Pro Tem Warner made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2025 meetings, 2nd by Council Member Hetherington; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

INVITED GUESTS

None

COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Provide Citizens the Opportunity to Submit Written and Oral Comments on the Proposed 2025 Millage Rate

Mayor Bender explained that there is only a 1.83% increase in the property tax digest this year and the City intends to maintain its current millage rate of 4.0 mills.

Mayor Bender opened the floor to public comment and no one came forward so she closed public comment. She announced the next two public hearings will be on August 25th at 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

1st Reading - RZ 25-05 - Consideration and Action on Application by DeThomas Investments, LLC (Applicant) and Tree Lane Development, LLC (Property Owner) Requesting to Amend the Official Zoning Map from BG (General Business) District to R-TH (Townhouse Residential)

District and Variances from the Snellville Unified Development Ordinance for a 108-Unit Single-Family (Attached) Townhome Development on a 15.0137± Acre Site with a Gross Density Of 7.19 Units Per Acre Located on Tree Ln at 1719 Scenic Highway (SR 124 N), Snellville, Georgia (Tax Parcel 5056 003)

Council Member Schulz made a motion to waive the first reading and place on the August 25, 2025 meeting for the second reading and public hearing, 2nd by Council Member Carter; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

CONSENT AGENDA (Please see *Note)

Approval of Opioid Settlement Agreement

Council Member Hetherington made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, 2nd by Council Member Carter; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, the Consent Agenda is approved.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration and Action on Approval of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Subrecipient Agreement for the Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Community Center Funds [Bender]

City Manager Pepper explained that the City has been allocated remaining funds from the FFY 2024 grant.

Council Member Lenski made a motion to approve the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Subrecipient Agreement for the Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Community Center funds and authorize the Mayor and City Manager to sign, 2nd by Mayor Pro Tem Warner; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Members Carter, Hetherington, Lenski, Schulz and Mayor Pro Tem Warner each gave a report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bender gave a report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pagna Donlevy, 2955 Emerson Lake Drive, Snellville.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Warner made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Council Member Hetherington; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

***Note:** Items on the Consent Agenda may be read by title only. Upon the request of any Council Member, any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda prior to the adoption of the Regular Agenda. The Consent Agenda, or the remainder thereof omitting the challenged items, shall be adopted by unanimous consent.