

PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025

Summary Publication Date: December 10, 2025

Present: Mayor Barbara Bender, Mayor Pro Tem Norman A. Carter Jr., Council Members Richelle Brown, Catherine Hardrick, Kerry Hetherington and Shaunt'e Pitt. Also present City Manager Matthew Pepper, Assistant City Manager Mercy Montgomery, City Attorney Tony Powell with Powell and Crowley, Assistant Chief David Matson, 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 7:35 p.m.

**INVOCATION**

City Attorney Powell gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

Mayor Pro Tem Carter led the Pledge of allegiance.

**CEREMONIAL MATTERS**

None

**MINUTES**

Approve the Minutes of the November 10, 2025 Meetings and the November 18, 2025 Special Called Work Session

Council Member Hetherington made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2025 meetings and the November 18, 2025 Special Called Work Session, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor Pro Tem Carter; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

**INVITED GUESTS**

None

**COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

None

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mayor Pro Tem Carter made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Hardrick; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Public Hearing on the Financing of the Acquisition, Construction and Installation of a New Community Center for the City of Snellville

City Manager Pepper explained that this item is related to the financing of the Community Center which is being done through the Georgia Municipal Association. This program will give the city the immediate revenue needed since the project is funded by the delayed revenue from SPLOST.

Mayor Bender opened the floor to public comment and no one came forward so she closed public comment.

## **CONSENT AGENDA (Please see \*Note)**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Consideration and Action on Approval of Resolution for Financing of the Acquisition, Construction and Installation of a New Community Center for the City of Snellville [Bender]

Council Member Hetherington made a motion to approve the resolution for financing of the acquisition, construction and installation of a new community center, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor Pro Tem Carter; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

1st Reading – ORD 2025-13 – Ordinance to Amend the Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions Ordinance (Chapter 38); to Delete a Section Related to Loitering; to Provide Severability; to Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; to Provide An Effective Date; and For Other Purposes [Bender]

Mayor Bender explained that this amendment is being done to remove a section of the Code that is no longer in use and has been deemed unconstitutional.

Council Member Hetherington made a motion to waive the first reading and place on the January 12, 2026 for the second reading, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Hardrick; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

Consideration and Action on Surplus of City Police Vehicles [Bender]

Mayor Bender announced that four (4) vehicles are being surplus due to mechanical issues and repair costs and will be listed for sale on GovDeals.

Mayor Pro Tem Carter made a motion to approve the surplus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Brown; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

Mayor Bender explained that her next 2 nominations are for the City seats on the STAT Board.

Mayor's Nomination and Council Confirmation of Deborah Jones to Snellville Tourism and Trade (STAT) Board Post 3 for the Term of 2026 to 2027 [Bender]

Mayor Bender nominated Deborah Jones to Snellville Tourism and Trade (STAT) Board Post 3 for the Term of 2026 to 2027; confirmed 6 in favor and 0 opposed, nomination confirmed.

Mayor's Nomination and Council Confirmation of Stephanie McDonald to Snellville Tourism and Trade (STAT) Board Post 5 for the Term of 2026 to 2027 [Bender]

Mayor Bender nominated Stephanie McDonald to Snellville Tourism and Trade (STAT) Board Post 5 for the Term of 2026 to 2027; confirmed 6 in favor and 0 opposed, nomination confirmed.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Council Members Hardrick, Brown, Pitt, Hetherington and Mayor Pro Tem Carter each gave a report.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Bender gave a report.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following people came forward to speak:

Tricia Rawlins, 2088 Harbour Oaks Drive, Snellville.

Stephanie McDonald, 1957 Tanglewood Drive, Snellville.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Hetherington made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Brown; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 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.**