

PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026

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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 Jay Crowley with Powell and Crowley, Attorney Kevin Tallant with Tallant Howell Attorneys at Law, Chief Greg Perry, Code Enforcement Officer Johnny Greene, Parks & Recreation Director Lisa Platt, Senior Program Supervisor Kathi Gargiulo, IT Administrator Erika Fleeman, and City Clerk Melisa Arnold.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bender called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

INVOCATION

Betty Ann Kumin gave the invocation.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Council Member Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Recognition of the Active Adult Center Volunteer of the Year Award

Mayor Bender recognized Ms. Yvonne Fenn as Volunteer of the Year and presented her with a plaque in honor of her service.

PRO 2026-02 – Go Red for Women – American Heart Month

Mayor Bender read the proclamation into the record and presented it to Ms. Kimberly Goodloe.

MINUTES

Approve the Minutes of the January 12, 2026 Meetings and the January 22, 2026 Special Called Work Session

Council Member Hardrick made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2026 Meetings and the January 22, 2026 Special Called Work Session, 2nd by Mayor Pro Tem Carter; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

INVITED GUESTS

None

COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Snellville Youth Council

Esther Ndewa recognized the following students in the SYC; Student Mayor: senior at Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology, Daye Kebe, Student Vice Mayor: senior at South Gwinnett High School, Abdul Kolawole, Outreach Coordinator: senior at Brookwood High School, Thomas Woudneh, Historian: senior at Brookwood High School, Robel Ayele, Initiative Development Lead: homeschool, Serenity Shaw, Social Media and Digital Design

Leads: senior at Brookwood High School Jasmine Kitt and junior at South Gwinnett High School Amira Hilowle.

Student Mayor Kebe came forward and reported on the SYC's activities and upcoming events for 2026.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

PUBLIC HEARING

None

CONSENT AGENDA (Please see *Note)

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration and Action on Approval of the 2026 Snellville Tourism and Trade (STAT) Contract [Bender]

Mayor Bender explained this is the annual contract for STAT to receive the hotel motel tax revenue from the City to fund events.

Council Member Hetherington made a motion to approve the contract with an amendment to Section 3, changing the amount for security from \$16,000 to \$18,000, 2nd by Council Member Brown; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

Consideration and Action on Approval of the Updated City of Snellville Brand Guide [Bender]

City Manager Pepper explained that under the new guidelines the City Seal is used for business and the City Logo (Acorn style logo) is used for marketing, such as social media, website, promotional materials, etc.

Mayor Pro Tem Carter made a motion to approve the Brand Guide, 2nd by Council Member Hetherington; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

Mayor's Nomination and Council Confirmation of Richelle Brown to the Snellville Youth Council (SYC) [Bender]

Mayor Bender nominated Council Member Brown as the Council liaison to the SYC; confirmed by Council 5 in favor and 1 abstention with Council Member Brown abstaining; motion was approved. (Per Article II, Division 1, Section 2-47 of the Code of Ordinances, an abstention shall be counted as an affirmative vote.)

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:

Kelly McAloon, 2916 Overwood Lane, Snellville

Rosario Mafane, President of ASSANGO (Association of Angolans in Georgia)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

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 8:16 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.**