

PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA  
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024

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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, City Attorney Chuck Ross with Powell and Edwards Attorneys at Law, Lt. Brian Rankin, Planning and Development Director Jason Thompson, Public Information Officer Brian Arrington, and City Clerk Melisa Arnold.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**INVOCATION**

David Adair with St. Oliver Plunkett Catholic Church gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

Mayor Pro Tem Warner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CEREMONIAL MATTERS**

PRO 2024-01 – 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Trees Winner

Mayor Bender read PRO 2024-01 into the record and presented it to members of St. Oliver Plunkett Catholic Church. STAT Executive Director Kelly McAloon recognized other participants from the Festival of Trees who were present.

**MINUTES**

Approve the Minutes of the December 11, 2023 Meetings

Council Member Lenski made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2023 meetings, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Hetherington; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

**INVITED GUESTS**

Battalion Chief Tommy Rutledge – Presentation about the Gwinnett County Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Program

Battalion Chief Rutledge gave an overview of the services available through Gwinnett County Fire Department's Residential Safety Program..

**COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

None

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Council Member Lenski made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business item “g” Consideration and Action on Approval of RES 2024-03 – Extension of the Moratorium to Study the Regulation of Cannabis Dispensaries, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Carter; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

None

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

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor's Nomination and Council Confirmation of Municipal Court Associate Judge Rahn Gatewood [Bender]

Mayor Bender nominated Rahn Gatewood as Associate Judge, confirmed by Council 6 in favor and 0 opposed, nomination approved.

Mayor's Nomination and Council Confirmation of Municipal Court Associate Judge Jennifer White [Bender]

Mayor Bender nominated Jennifer White as Associate Judge, confirmed by Council 6 in favor and 0 opposed, nomination approved.

Mayor Bender administered the Oath of Office to Judges Gatewood and White.

RES 2024-01 – Consideration and Action on Local Amendment to Georgia Minimum Standard Plumbing Code – Metro Water District Water Efficiency Code Requirements [Bender]

Mayor Pro Tem Warner made a motion to approve RES 2024-01, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Lenski; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

Consideration and Action on RES 2024-02 – City of Civility [Warner]

Mayor Pro Tem Warner made a motion to approve RES 2024-02, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Lenski; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

Consideration and Action on Approval of a Contract for the City Manager [Bender]

Council Member Lenski made a motion to approve the City Manager Contract for Matthew Pepper, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Hetherington; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

Consideration and Action on Election of Mayor Pro Tempore [Bender]

Council Member Lenski nominated Tod Warner as Mayor Pro Tem, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Carter; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

Consideration and Action on Approval of RES 2024-03 – Extension of the Moratorium to Study the Regulation of Cannabis Dispensaries [Bender]

Council Member Schulz made a motion to approve RES 2024-03, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Lenski; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

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

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Bender gave a report.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Lenski made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Hetherington; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 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.**