

PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA  
MONDAY, JULY 14, 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, Assistant Chief David Matson, 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 7:33 p.m.

**INVOCATION**

City Attorney Powell gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

Ethan from Boy Scout Troup 50 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CEREMONIAL MATTERS**

PRO 2025-13 – Honoring Tim VanValkenburg

The Proclamation honoring Mr. Van Valkenburg's service was read into the record by Mayor Bender.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**MINUTES**

Approve the Minutes of the June 9, 2025 Meetings

Council Member Carter made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2025 meetings, voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

**INVITED GUESTS**

None

**COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

None

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Voted on after Ceremonial Matters.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading - SUP 25-02 – Consideration and Action on application by Park Place Snellville, LLC requesting to renew a Special Use Permit approved in Nov. 2022 (case #SUP 22-06) for a 3-story, 33,000 sq. ft. climate controlled self-storage facility on the 1.82 acre site, zoned HSB (Highway

Service Business) District located in the Park Place commercial development, 1915 Pharrs Road, Snellville, Georgia (Tax Parcel 5056 362)

Council Member Hetherington made a motion to waive the first reading and place on the July 28<sup>th</sup> agenda for the second reading, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor Pro Tem Warner; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading - SUP 25-03 – Consideration and Action on application by 2440 East Gate Place, LLC requesting a Special Use Permit for an indoor sports facility and variances from the Snellville Unified Development for an existing 12,000 sq. ft. building and adjacent undeveloped lot on a combined 1.72 acre site, zoned BG (General Business) District and located in the TCO (Towne Center Overlay) District, 2430-2440 Eastgate Place, Snellville, Georgia (Tax Parcels 5038 155 and 5038 156)

Council Member Lenski made a motion to waive the first reading and place on the July 28<sup>th</sup> agenda for the second reading, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Carter; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

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

Approval of the Flock Camera Lease Agreement for TW Briscoe Park

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Consideration and Action on RES 2025-09 - Resolution for the Municipal General Election for the City of Snellville, Georgia; to Provide for a Municipal Superintendent, Assistant Municipal Superintendents, Absentee Ballot Clerk and Deputy Absentee Ballot Clerks [Bender]

Council Member Schulz made a motion to approve RES 2025-09, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Carter; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – ORD 2025-14 - An Ordinance to Amend the Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance (Chapter 6); to Provide for and Amend Ordinances Related to Outside Consumption of Alcohol; to Provide Severability; to Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; to Provide an Effective Date; and for Other Purposes [Bender]

Assistant City Manager Montgomery explained these amendments will address the entertainment district at The Grove.

Council Member Schulz made a motion to waive the first reading and place on the July 28, 2025 agenda for the second reading, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Lenski; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

Consideration and Action on RES 2025-11 – Supporting Amicus Brief in Chang v. Milton Certiorari Appeal [Bender]

Mayor Bender explained this resolution is supporting the City of Milton in regards to a recent judgement against them in a lawsuit.

Council Member Hetherington made a motion to approve RES 2025-11, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor Pro Tem Warner; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

#### Consideration and Action on Approval of Surplus of Police Computer Equipment [Bender]

Mayor Bender announced there were 49 laptop computers, 28 desk top computers with monitors, and miscellaneous computer peripherals that will be listed for sale on Govdeals, Council Member Lenski made a motion to approve the surplus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor Pro Tem Warner; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

#### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

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

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Bender gave a report.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following people came forward to speak:

Chanda Monroe-Lumpkins, 2225 Wisteria Drive, Snellville.

Cat Hardrick, 2280 Buckley Trail, Snellville.

Janelle Capello, 2263 Ivy Mountain Drive, Snellville

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pro Tem Warner 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 8:17 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.**