

PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA
MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025

Summary Publication Date: June 11, 2025

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 7:37 p.m.

INVOCATION

Bobby Howard gave the invocation.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

CJ Pitt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Mayor Bender recognized Kelly McAloon and CJ Pitt with the Run the Regan Board. Mrs. McAloon recognized Greg Bender with the South Gwinnett Cluster and announced that the Board is giving them a \$15,000 donation.

PRO 2025-12 – Recognizing Shaunte Pitt

Mayor Bender read the proclamation into the record recognizing Shaunte “CJ” Pitt and Antonio Brito for their life saving actions during an incident at TW Briscoe Park and presented it to Mr. Pitt.

MINUTES

Approve the Minutes of the May 27, 2025 Special Called Meetings

Mayor Pro Tem Warner made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 27, 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 as presented, 2nd by Council Member Hetherington; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

CONSENT AGENDA (Please see *Note)

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

2nd Reading – ORD 2025-11 – Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget for Each Fund of the City of Snellville, Georgia, Appropriating the Amounts Shown in Each Budget as Expenditures/Expenses, Adopting the Several Items of Revenue anticipations, and Prohibiting Expenditures or Expenses from Exceeding the Actual Funding Available [Bender]

Mayor Pro Tem Warner made a motion to approve ORD 2025-11 adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget, 2nd by Council Member Carter; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

Mayor Pro Tem Warner thanked staff for their work on the budget.

City Manager Pepper gave a brief overview of the budget and explained there would be no transfers from the General Fund this year.

Mayor Bender explained that the General Fund has been covering a shortfall in the sanitation account for many years. The shortfall this year is around \$1.3 million dollars which is no longer sustainable. The City has to implement a solid waste collection fee of \$20 per month or an annual cost of \$240 that will appear on everyone's tax bill starting this year. She went on to explain other increases in the budget such as The Grove and salaries to assist with employee retention in the Police, Park and Public Works.

2nd Reading – ORD 2025-12 - An Ordinance to Amend the Solid Waste Ordinance (Chapter 46); to Provide for and Amend Procedures Establishing Fees for Solid Waste; to Provide Severability; to Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; to Provide an Effective Date; and for Other Purposes [Bender]

Council Member Hetherington made a motion to approve ORD 2025-12, 2nd by Council Member Schulz; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

Consideration and Action on RES 2025-08 - Resolution by City of Snellville, Georgia Establishing Fees for Standard Residential Weekly Collection of Refuse and Recyclables [Bender]

Council Member Lenski made a motion to approve RES 2025-08, 2nd by Mayor Pro Tem Warner.

Mayor Bender explained this resolution set the solid waste fee at \$20 per month or an annual cost of \$240. Council Member Lenski spoke about user fees.

The motion was 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 this ordinance will remove a loitering provision that has been ruled unconstitutional.

Council Member Lenski made a motion to waive the first reading and place on the July 14th agenda for the second reading, 2nd by Council Member Carter; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

Consideration and Action on Request by Waste Management for a 3% Consumer Price Index Increase [Bender]

Mayor Bender explained this is the annual renewal and increase request by Waste Management.

Council Member Lenski made a motion to approve the request by Waste Management for the 3% Consumer Price Index Increase, 2nd by Council Member Hetherington; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

Mayor's Nomination and Council Confirmation on Re-Appointment of the Following Board of Appeals Board Members [Bender]

- i. Post 3 – Emmett Clower – Term Expiration June 30, 2027
- ii. Post 5 – Betty Ann Kumin – Term Expiration June 30, 2027
- iii. Post 6 – Lori-Ann J. Spears - Term Expiration June 30, 2027

Mayor Bender's nominations were confirmed 6 in favor and 0 opposed, nominations approved.

Mayor's Nomination and Council Confirmation on Re-Appointment of the Following Planning Commission Board Members [Bender]

- i. Post 1 – Robert Windsor – Term Expiration June 30, 2027
- ii. Post 5 – Stephen Brust – Term Expiration June 30, 2027
- iii. Post 6 – Michael Kissel - Term Expiration June 30, 2027

Mayor Bender's nominations were confirmed 6 in favor and 0 opposed, nominations approved.

Mayor's Nomination and Council Confirmation on Re-Appointment of the Following Parks and Recreation Board Members [Bender]

- i. Post 1 – Dale Stanley – Term Expiration June 30, 2027
- ii. Post 5 – Nicole Irish – Term Expiration June 30, 2027
- iii. Post 6 – Barbara Harris - Term Expiration June 30, 2027

Mayor Bender's nominations were confirmed 6 in favor and 0 opposed, nominations approved.

Mayor's Nomination and Council Confirmation on Re-Appointment of the Following Development Authority of Snellville Board Members [Bender]

- i. Post 1 – Deborah Jones – Term Expiration June 30, 2029

Mayor Bender's nomination was confirmed 6 in favor and 0 opposed, nomination approved.

COUNCIL REPORTS

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following people came forward to speak:

Tricia Rawlins, 2088 Harbour Oaks Drive, Snellville.

Suzanne Krieger, 2612 Lake Street, Snellville.

Cat Hardrick, 2280 Buckley Trail, Snellville.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Hetherington made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Council Member Carter; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 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.**