

PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA
MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026

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Present: Mayor Barbara Bender, Mayor Pro Tem Norman A. Carter Jr., Council Members Richelle Brown, Catherine Hardrick and Shaunt'e Pitt. (Council Member Kerry Hetherington was absent.) Also present City Manager Matthew Pepper, Assistant City Manager Mercy Montgomery, City Attorney Jay Crowley with Powell and Crowley, Chief Greg Perry, Interim Public Works Director Javier Gonzalez, Public Information Officer Brian Arrington and City Clerk Melisa Arnold.

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem Carter gave the invocation.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Council Member Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

PRO 2026-05 – Month of the Military Child

Mayor Bender read the proclamation into the record and presented it to Ms. Cricket Agee and members of the American Legion.

MINUTES

Approve the Minutes of the March 9, 2026 Meetings

Council Member Brown made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2026 meetings, 2nd by Mayor Pro Tem Carter; voted 5 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

INVITED GUESTS

FY 2025 Audit Presentation by City Auditor James Whitaker

Mr. Whitaker gave an overview of the Fiscal Year 2025 audit.

COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Carter made a motion to approve the agenda, 2nd by Council Member Brown; voted 5 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 Award of the Sanitation Bid (PW260206) [Bender]

City Manager Pepper explained the current contract sunsets on June 30 of this year. A bid was issued and three (3) responses were received. After staff review they recommend award of the contract to Waste Management. The contract will be for three (3) years with the possibility of an additional three (3) year renewal.

Council Member Brown made a motion to award the bid to Waste Management Services, 2nd by Mayor Pro Tem Carter.

Council Member Pitt asked City Manager Pepper to review the upgraded services that residents will be receiving under the new contract.

The motion was voted 5 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

Consideration and Action on Approval of the Six (6) Remnant Defendants' Combined Subdivision Participation and Release Form Related to the Opioid Settlement Agreement [Bender]

City Manager Pepper explained that the State of Georgia is set to receive funds from various national opioid settlements with manufacturers, distributors, and pharmacy chains aimed at addressing the damages caused by the opioid crisis. A significant portion of these funds have been allocated to local governments. This agenda item is the approval of a settlement with six (6) additional defendants. These revenues are restricted and can only be spent on expenses related to drug prevention and interdiction.

Mayor Pro Tem Carter made a motion to approve the six (6) remnant defendants' combined subdivision participation and release form related to the opioid settlement agreement, 2nd by Council Member Hardrick; voted 5 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

Consideration and Action on Approval of an Updated Legal Services Agreement for the City Attorney [Bender]

Mayor Bender explained that the City's current firm, Powell & Crowley is merging with Attorney Kevin Tallant's firm, Tallant & Howell. The agreement covers the changes to the fee structure.

Mayor Pro Tem Carter made a motion to approve the legal services agreement, 2nd by Council Member Brown; voted 5 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

COUNCIL REPORTS

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bender gave a report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following people came forward:

Claudette Forbes, 2781 London Berry Court, Snellville.

Marlene Tillman, 1977 Tanglewood Drive, Snellville.

Sylvester Coleman, 2682 Empire Drive, Snellville.

David Houston, 2225 Wisteria Drive, The Tomlin, Snellville.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Bender read the closed meeting notice into the record as follows:

- Upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee, which is excluded pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3(b)(2).

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Carter, 2nd by Council Member Brown, the meeting was closed, with Mayor Pro Tem Carter, Council Members Brown and Pitt and Mayor Bender present and voting in favor and Council Member Hardrick voting in opposition. The motion was approved and the meeting was closed at 8:19 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:57 p.m.

Mayor Bender announced there is no action coming out of the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Brown made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Council Member Pitt; voted 5 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:58 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.**