

PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA
MONDAY, MARCH 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, Captain Zach Spahr, Parks & Recreation Director Lisa Platt, Parks Program Coordinator Meghan Meegan, Public Information Officer Brian Arrington and City Clerk Melisa Arnold.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bender called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

INVOCATION

Bobby Howard gave the invocation.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Cub Scout Pack 231 and Scout Troop 231 presented the colors for the Pledge of Allegiance.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

PRO 2026-03 – Snellville Community Church

Mayor Bender read the proclamation into the record thanking the Church for hosting the youth basketball program. Mayor Bender presented it to Rev. Dr. Quincy Brown and members of the Snellville Youth Basketball program.

MINUTES

Approve the Minutes of the February 6, 2026 Special Called Work Session, February 7, 2026 Work Retreat and the February 9, 2026 Meetings

Council Member Hetherington made a motion to approve the February 6, 2026 Special Called Work Session, February 7, 2026 Work Retreat and the February 9, 2026 Meetings, 2nd by Mayor Pro Tem Carter; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

INVITED GUESTS

None

COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Council Member Brown made a motion to approve the agenda, 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

RES 2026-01 - Resolution Authorizing the City of Snellville to Subscribe to the Ethics Principles of the Georgia Municipal Association as a Requirement of Participation in the Georgia Municipal Association's Certified City of Ethics Program [Bender]

Mayor Bender gave a brief overview the of the Georgia Municipal Association's program.

Council Member Hetherington made a motion to approve RES 2026-01, 2nd by Mayor Pro Tem Carter; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. (A copy of RES 2026-01 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.)

Consideration and Action on Ratification of the Estimated Rollback Millage Rate for Submission to Gwinnett County [Bender]

City Manager Pepper explained that legislation related to House Bill 581 which was passed in 2024 requires the City to certify a rollback rate to Gwinnett County for their assessment notices. He explained that due to limited data the recommendation is to stay with the current millage rate of 4.00.

Mayor Pro Tem Carter made a motion to ratify an estimated rollback rate of 4.00 mills for submission to Gwinnett County, 2nd by Council Member Brown; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

COUNCIL REPORTS

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bender gave a report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following person came forward to speak:

Marleen Tillman, 1977 Tanglewood Drive, Snellville.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Carter made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Council Member Hetherington; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 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.**