

PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA
MONDAY, MAY 22, 2023

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Present: Mayor Barbara Bender, Mayor Pro Tem Tod Warner, Council Members Solange Destang, Dave Emanuel, Cristy Lenski, and Gretchen Schulz. Also present Assistant City Manager Matthew Pepper, City Attorney Chuck Ross with Powell and Edwards Attorneys at Law, Planning and Development Director Jason Thompson, Public Information Officer Brian Arrington, Chief Greg Perry, IT Administrator Erika Fleeman and City Clerk Melisa Arnold. (City Manager Butch Sanders was absent.)

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Catherine Hardrick gave the invocation.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Myla Stevens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

PRO 2023-10 – National Poppy Day

Mayor Bender read the proclamation into the record and presented it to Ms. Marguerite Agee and members of the American Legion Auxiliary 232 and American Legion Post 232.

Run the Reagan Presentation

The Run the Reagan Board presented members of the South Gwinnett School Cluster with a donation.

MINUTES

Approve the Minutes of the May 8, 2023 Meetings

Council Member Destang made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2023 meetings, 2nd by Council Member Lenski; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

INVITED GUESTS

Dr. Alexis Williams – South Gwinnett High School

Dr. Alexis Williams and Mr. Derrick A. Williams, SGHS PTSO Scholarship Program Directors, introduced the winners of the Inner Me Beauty Pageant and Distinguished Gentlemen, Ms. Myla Stevens and Mr. John Mayorga, and recognized the other members of the Royal Court.

COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Park and Recreation Advisory Board – Norman Carter

Mr. Carter gave an update on the recent software changes that increased efficiency at the Park and Senior Center as well as the programs being offered this year.

Downtown Development Authority – Don Britt

Mayor Bender postponed this to the June 12, 2023 meeting.

Snellville Youth Commission - Narjise Koko & Winta Mamo

Narjise Koko & Winta Mamo talked about the SYC's activities over the last year and then were recognized by Council Member Lenski for their service.

Natalie Van Brown recognized the outgoing SYC Seniors.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Council Member Emanuel made a motion to approve the agenda of the May 22, 2023 meeting, 2nd by Mayor Pro Tem Warner; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING

Provide Citizens the Opportunity to Submit Written and Oral Comments on the Proposed Operating Budget of the City of Snellville for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Assistant City Manager Pepper gave an overview of the FY 2024 budget.

Mayor Bender opened up the floor to public comment and the following person came forward:

Catherine Hardrick, 2280 Buckley Trail, Snellville asked about the ARPA funds.

No one else came forward so Mayor Bender closed the floor for public comment and explained how the ARPA funds were being budgeted for FY 2024.

2nd Reading - SUP 23-01 – Consideration and Recommendation on application by AGN Glass LLC (applicant) and Xiao Lu (property owner) for a Special Use Permit to operate a glass repair and replacement shop (d/b/a Auto Glass Now) under the ‘Vehicle Repair, Minor’ use category of Article 6 Chapter 200 of the Snellville Unified Development Ordinance on the 0.449± acre property, zoned BG (General Business) District and located in the Towne Center Overlay District, 2564 W. Main Street, Snellville, Georgia (Tax Parcel 5026 082A)

1. Council Member Emanuel made a motion to approve SUP 23-01 with the conditions listed in ORD 2023-05 as well as the addition of the following three conditions:
 1. No outdoor storage, either vehicles or materials, at any time
 2. Property owner must provide interparcel access to all adjacent properties at such time that each adjacent property is developed.
 3. At the same time as the first adjacent property is developed, the property owner must bring landscaping for the property up to the current downtown overlay standards.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Warner.

Mayor Bender asked the applicant, Mr. Cruse if he accepted the three conditions and he stated he agreed.

The motion was voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. (A copy of ORD 2023-05 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.)

1st Reading - UDO 23-02 – Consideration and Action on amendments to the text of The Unified Development Ordinance (“UDO”) for the City of Snellville, Georgia to be consistent with the updated Zoning Procedures Act as passed by the Georgia General Assembly for the administrative and Board of Appeals review of variances and waivers of the UDO, as follows: Article 3 (Administration) of Chapter 100; Article 5 (Special and Overlay Districts), Article 6

(Use Provisions) and Article 7 (Site Development) of Chapter 200; and Article 1 (Streets and Public Improvements) of Chapter 400

Council Member Schulz made a motion to waive the first reading and place it on the June 12, 2023 Meeting for the second reading, 2nd by Council Member Destang; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

CONSENT AGENDA (Please see *Note)

Consideration and Action on Adoption of Proposed Amendments to the City's Personnel Rules and Regulations Needed to Reflect Changes in Applicable Federal and State Law, as Well as to Align Policy with the City Charter [Bender]

Mayor Bender explained this change would bring the Regulations in line with the City's Charter. Council Member Emanuel made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, 2nd by Mayor Pro Tem Warner; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, agenda stands approved.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1st Reading – ORD 2023-06 – Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 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]

Council Member Emanuel made a motion to waive the first reading and place it on the June 12, 2023 meeting for the second reading, 2nd by Council Member Schulz; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

1st Reading - ORD 2023-07 – An Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of Snellville, Georgia, Chapter 2, Article IV – Boards And Commissions; To Repeal The Conflicting Ordinance Division 5, on Order to Conform to the City of Snellville's Status as an At-Will Employer as Mandated by the City's Charter [Bender]

Council Member Emanuel made a motion to waive the first reading and place it on the June 12, 2023 Meeting for the second reading, 2nd by Council Member Destang voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Members Destang, Lenski, Schulz, Emanuel and Mayor Pro Tem Warner gave a report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bender gave a report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following citizens came forward to speak:

Catherine Hardrick, 2280 Buckley Trail, Snellville.

Tricia Rawlins, 2088 Harbour Oaks Drive, Snellville.

Barry Wiggs, 2210 Stockton Walk Lane, Snellville.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Emanuel made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Council Member Destang; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:52 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.**