

PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2025

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Present: Mayor Barbara Bender, Council Members Norman A. Carter Jr., Kerry Hetherington, Cristy Lenski, Gretchen Schulz and Council Members Elect Richelle Brown, Catherine Hardrick and Shaunt'e Pitt. Also present City Manager Matthew Pepper, Assistant City Manager Mercy Montgomery, City Attorney Tony Powell with Powell and Crowley, Chief Greg Perry, Public Information Officer Brian Arrington, Downtown Development Director Jan Harris, Code Enforcement Officer Johnny Greene and City Clerk Melisa Arnold. (IT Administrator Erika Fleeman was absent.)

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Reverend Quincy Brown from Snellville Community Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Chief Perry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Bender recognized outgoing Council Members Lenski, Schulz and Warner.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Administer the Oath of Office to Shaunt'e CJ Pitt for City Council Post 3

Municipal Court Judge Taire administered the Oath to Council Member Shaunt'e Pitt. Council Member Cristy Lenski stepped down and Council Member Pitt took his seat on the dais.

Administer the Oath of Office to Richelle Brown for City Council Post 4

Magistrate Court Judge Matthews administered the Oath to Council Member Richelle Brown. Council Member Gretchen Schulz stepped down and Council Member Brown took her seat on the dais.

Administer the Oath of Office to Catherine "Cat" Hardrick for City Council Post 5

State Court Judge Colvin administered the Oath to Council Member Catherine Hardrick. Council Member Hardrick took her seat on the dais.

PRO 2025-15 – American Music Month

Mayor Bender read the proclamation into the record and presented it to Debra Hughes, Southeastern Region Secretary for the National Federation of Music Clubs.

MINUTES

Approve the Minutes of the October 13, 2025 Meetings and the October 27, 2025 Work Session

Council Member Carter made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2025 meetings and the October 27, 2025 work session, 2nd by Council Member Hardrick; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

INVITED GUESTS

None

COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Council Member Hetherington made a motion to approve the agenda as published, 2nd by Council Member Brown; voted 6 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 Ratification of the November 4, 2025 General Election Results

[Bender]

City Council Post 3:

Shaunt'e CJ Pitt - 1134

Dan W. Russell - 815

City Council Post 4:

Richelle D. Brown - 1550

City Council Post 5:

Catherine "Cat" Hardrick - 1236

Tod Warner (I) - 812

Mayor Bender advised these are the official results of the November 4, 2025 General Election. Council Member Carter made a motion to ratify the results as read, 2nd by Council Member Hardrick; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

Consideration and Action on Election of Mayor Pro Tempore [Bender]

Mayor Bender explained that this appointment is done annually in January and is decided by the Council.

Council Member Hetherington made a motion to elect Norman Carter as the Mayor Pro Tem, 2nd by Council Member Hardrick; voted 5 in favor and 1 abstention with Mayor Pro Tem Carter abstaining; motion was approved. (Per Article II, Division 1, Section 2-47 of the Code of Ordinances, an abstention shall be counted as an affirmative vote.)

Consideration and Action on Approval of Surplus of Police Radios [Bender]

Mayor Bender advised that the Police are surplusng 37 Motorola radios on Govdeals.

Mayor Pro Tem Carter made a motion to approve the surplus of the radios, 2nd by Council Member Hetherington; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

COUNCIL REPORTS

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bender gave a report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following people spoke:

Solange Destang, 1515 Summit Point, Snellville.

Claudette Forbes, 2781 London Berry Ct, Snellville.

Estrella Muniz, 2404 Hickory Smoke Ct, Snellville.

Delphine Coleman, Grayson

Tricia Rawlins, 2088 Harbour Oaks Drive, Snellville.

Rose Purdy, 2270 Burlington Lane, Snellville.

Karen Greene, 4587 James Wade Dr, Snellville.

Deborah Jones, 1657 Ramblewood Way, Snellville.

Yevgeniy Kartere, 2841 Middlesex Ct., Snellville.

Senator Tanya Anderson, 110 Georgia State Capitol, Atlanta.

Ezra Ferguson, 2070 Buckley Trl, Snellville.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Hetherington made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Mayor Pro Tem Carter; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:11 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.**