

PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

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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 Jay Crowley with Powell and Crowley, Chief Greg Perry, Downtown Development Director Jan Harris, Public Information Officer Brian Arrington, 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

Dr. Quincy Brown from Snellville Community Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Snellville Youth Council Mayor Daye Kebe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Administer Oath of Office to the Snellville Youth Council Members

Council Member Lenski recognized Esther Ndewa, Director for the Youth Council, who introduced the new members and then Mayor Bender administered the Oath to the Youth Council.

MINUTES

Approve the Minutes of the September 8, 2025 Meetings

Council Member Schulz made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2025 meetings, 2nd by Council Member Carter; 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 Mayor Pro Tem Warner; 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 RES 2025-14 – Amendment the Enabling Resolution for the Snellville Youth Commission/Youth Council [Lenski]

Council Member Lenski said that the amendments include some procedural changes, updating the name from Commission to Council and establishing Posts and Terms for the Youth Advisory Board.

Council Member Lenski made a motion to approve RES 2025-14, 2nd by Council Member Schulz; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

Consideration and Action on RES 2025-15 – Amendment to Procedures for Billing and Collection of Ad Valorem Taxes For Real Property, Personal Property, Business/Inventory, and Stormwater and Sanitation Fees [Bender]

Mayor Bender explained that the adoption of House Bills 581 and 92 created some delays at the County level which will lead to a delay in the City bills being sent out. This delay requires an adjustment to the billing cycle. The tax bills will now be mailed around October 15th and due on January 15th.

Council Member Schulz made a motion to approve RES 2025-15, 2nd by Council Member Carter; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

Mayor's Nomination and Council Confirmation of Natayla Bryant to Youth Council Advisory Board Post 1 with a Term Expiration of June 30, 2027 [Bender]

Mayor Bender nominated Natayla Bryant to the Youth Advisory Board Post 1 with a term expiration of June 30, 2027; nomination confirmed 6 in favor and 0 opposed.

Mayor's Nomination and Council Confirmation of Rodney Lumpkins to Youth Council Advisory Board Post 2 with a Term Expiration of June 30, 2027 [Bender]

Mayor Bender nominated Rodney Lumpkins to the Youth Advisory Board Post 2 with a term expiration of June 30, 2027; nomination confirmed 6 in favor and 0 opposed.

Mayor's Nomination and Council Confirmation of Vickie Mitchell to Youth Council Advisory Board Post 3 with a Term Expiration of June 30, 2027 [Bender]

Mayor Bender nominated Vickie Mitchell to the Youth Advisory Board Post 3 with a term expiration of June 30, 2027; nomination confirmed 6 in favor and 0 opposed.

Mayor's Nomination and Council Confirmation of Richard Varnell to Youth Council Advisory Board Post 4 with a Term Expiration of June 30, 2027 [Bender]

Mayor Bender nominated Richard Varnell to the Youth Advisory Board Post 4 with a term expiration of June 30, 2027; nomination confirmed 6 in favor and 0 opposed.

Mayor Bender administered the Oath of Office to Youth Advisory Board Members Rodney Lumpkins, Vickie Mitchell, and Richard Varnell. (Member Natayla Bryant was not present.)

COUNCIL REPORTS

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bender gave a report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following person spoke:

Melvin Everson, 1725 Winding Creek Circle, Snellville.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Carter made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Council Member Hetherington; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 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.**