

PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

Summary Publication Date: September 10, 2025

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 Tony Powell with Powell and Crowley, Captain John Tainter, Planning and Development Director Jason Thompson, IT Administrator Erika Fleeman and City Clerk Melisa Arnold. (Public Information Officer Brian Arrington was absent.)

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Bobby Howard gave the invocation.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Council Member Schulz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

None

MINUTES

Approve the Minutes of the August 25, 2025 Millage Rate Public Hearings and the August 25, 2025 Regular Meetings

Council Member Schulz made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2025 Millage Rate Public Hearings and the August 25, 2025 Regular 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 Lenski made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, 2nd by Council Member Hetherington; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING

2nd Reading - RZ 25-05 – Consideration and Action on application by DeThomas Investments, LLC (applicant) and Tree Lane Development, LLC (property owner) requesting to amend the Official Zoning Map from BG (General Business) District to R-TH (Townhouse Residential) District and variances from the Snellville Unified Development Ordinance for a 108-unit single-family (attached) townhome development on a 15.0137± acre site with a gross density of 7.19 units per acre located on Tree Ln at 1719 Scenic Highway (SR 124 N), Snellville, Georgia (Tax Parcel 5056 003).

Planning and Development Director Thompson gave an overview of the case and reviewed the requested variances and conditions.

Council Member Lenski made a motion to approve RZ 25-05 with staff recommended variances and conditions.

After a brief discussion with Mayor Pro Tem Warner and Mayor Bender, Council Member Lenski clarified the approval of variances 1,3,4,5, and 6 and denial of variance 2 along with approval of conditions 1 through 12.

The motion was voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

CONSENT AGENDA (Please see *Note)

Approval of Opioid Settlement Agreement

Council Member Hetherington made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, 2nd by Council Member Carter; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration and Action on Approval of Contract for City Hall Roof Repairs [Bender]

Council Member Lenski made a motion to approve the contract with Parker Young in the amount of \$386,266.70 and authorize Mayor Bender to sign, 2nd by Council Member Hetherington; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

Consideration and Action on Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for Funding for the Community Center [Bender]

Mayor Pro Tem Warner made a motion to approve the MOU with DNR for \$100,000, 2nd by Council Member Schulz; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member 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 people spoke:

Betty Ann Kumin, 2159 Woodberry Run Dr, Snellville.

Marlyn Tillman, 1977 Tanglewood Drive, 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 9:20 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.