

WORK SESSION OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024

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, City Attorney Chuck Ross with Powell and Edwards Attorneys at Law, Interim Public Works Director David Mitchell, Planning and Development Director Jason Thompson, Public Information Officer Brian Arrington, and City Clerk Melisa Arnold.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bender called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

REVIEW REGULAR BUSINESS MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS

The agenda was reviewed and discussed.

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE

None

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Ross handed out a resolution to extend the current moratorium on cannabis dispensaries to July 10, 2024. After discussion consensus was to amend the agenda and add the resolution. He gave an update on Quality of Life court and advised an executive session is needed for further discussion.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Update of Ongoing Projects [Bender]

City Manager Pepper gave an update on the Towne Center and other ongoing projects.

Discussion on City Participation with Neighborhood Flock Cameras [Bender]

Attorney Ross explained that the City cannot use taxpayer money to fund private systems.

Update on Property Tax Collection [Bender]

City Clerk Arnold gave an update on the past three (3) years of property tax collection.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Bender read the closed meeting notice into the record as follows:

- To discuss pending and/or potential litigation, settlement claims, administrative proceedings or other judicial actions, which is exempt from the Open Meetings Act pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-2(1).
- To authorize negotiations to purchase, dispose of, or lease property; authorize the ordering of an appraisal related to the acquisition or disposal of real estate; enter into a contract to purchase, dispose of, or lease property subject to approval in a subsequent public vote; or enter into an option to purchase, dispose of, or lease real estate subject to approval in subsequent public vote, which is excluded from the Open Meetings Act pursuant to Section 50-14-3(b)(1)(C).
- Upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee, which is excluded pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3(b)(2).

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Warner, 2nd by Council Member Hetherington, the meeting was closed, with all Council Members and the Mayor present and voting in favor.

The meeting was closed at 7:09 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:29 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Warner made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Council Member Hetherington; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Barbara Bender, Mayor

Melisa Arnold, City Clerk