



PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA
MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 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, Captain John Tainter, Public Information Officer Brian Arrington, IT Administration Erika Fleeman and City Clerk Melisa Arnold.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bender called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

INVOCATION

Mike Sabbagh gave the invocation.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Council Member Schulz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

None

MINUTES

Approve the Minutes of the January 8, 2024 Meetings and the January 10, 2024 Special Called Work Session

Council Member Schulz made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2024 Meetings and the January 10, 2024 Special Called Work Session, 2nd by Council Member Carter; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

INVITED GUESTS

Derek Cooper Radon Educator, University of Georgia | College of Family & Consumer Sciences to Provide Information on Radon Testing Available from the Libraries

Mr. Cooper talked about the negative effects of radon and explained the radon detection device that is available for checkout at all public libraries in the State of Georgia.

COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

None

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APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Council Member Lenski made a motion to approve the agenda with two additions, New Business item “b” Consideration and Action on Approval of RES 2024-05 – Extension of the Moratorium of CBD Stores and New Business item “c” Consideration and Action on RES 2024-04 - Provide the Local Funding for a Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB) Grant Application for North Road at Wisteria Drive Intersection Improvements, 2nd by Council Member Hetherington; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

CONSENT AGENDA

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration and Action Approval of the 2024 Snellville Tourism and Trade (STAT) Contract [Bender]

Council Member Schulz made a motion to approve the 2024 STAT contract, 2nd by Mayor Pro Tem Warner.

Mayor Bender explained this is the annual contract that sets out the terms for the Snellville Tourism and Trade Association.

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

Consideration and Action on Approval of RES 2024-05 – Extension of the Moratorium of CBD Stores

Mayor Bender explained this is an extension of the current moratorium in place that allows the City more time for research to update the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO).

Council Member Lenski made a motion to approve RES 2024-05, 2nd by Council Member Carter; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. (A copy of RES 2024-05 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.)

Consideration and Action on RES 2024-04 - Provide the Local Funding for a Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB) Grant Application North Road at Wisteria Drive Intersection Improvements

Mayor Bender explained the City has applied for this grant the last two years but did not get it. The program has been restructured to a grant/loan program and this resolution is needed for the application.

Council Member Lenski made a motion to approve RES 2024-04, 2nd by Mayor Pro Tem Warner; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. (A copy of RES 2024-04 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.)

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 people spoke:

Stephanie McDonald, 1957 Tanglewood Drive, Snellville.

Mike Sabbagh, 1600 Summit View Way, Snellville.

Kurt Schulz, 2027 Tanglewood Drive, Snellville.

Kelly McAloon, 2916 Overwood Lane, Snellville.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

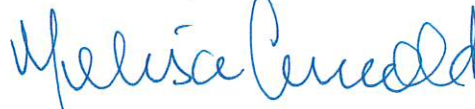
None

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Lenski made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Council Member Hetherington; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.



Barbara Bender, Mayor



Melisa Arnold, City Clerk

RES 2024-04

RESOLUTION OF FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

**A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THE LOCAL FUNDING FOR A GEORGIA
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BANK (GTIB) GRANT APPLICATION
NORTH ROAD AT WISTERIA DRIVE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Georgia State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA), through the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB) funding program, issued a “call” for grant and loan applications on December 21, 2023 with a deadline for submittal of January 25, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB) is a competitive grant and low-interest loan program available to local, regional and state government units as well as CIDs; and

WHEREAS, the GTIB program is administered by the Georgia State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA), and

WHEREAS, up to \$15 million in loan and grant funding is available for the FY 2023-2024; and

WHEREAS, the City of Snellville has identified, through its 2019 Snellville Comprehensive Plan and a 2020 Development of Regional Impact (DRI) Traffic Study, a number of recommendations for roadway improvements; and

WHEREAS, the signalized intersection of North Road and Wisteria Drive has known operational and safety deficiencies as depicted in the Comprehensive Plan and DRI Traffic Study; and

WHEREAS, improvements to this intersection is vital to ensuring a safe and reliable transportation network for the City of Snellville and Gwinnett County and is a critical economic development infrastructure improvement that supports the success of the recently completed PH I mixed-use “Grove at Towne Center” and PH II healthcare and mixed use development; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost is \$2,335,287 of which construction costs are estimated to be \$1,945,577, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Snellville Mayor and City Council approves to commit \$1,835,287 as the local match on the aforementioned project for a GTIB grant request of \$500,000 and a loan amount of \$600,000.

[SIGNATURE APPEARS ON THE NEXT PAGE]

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 22ND DAY OF JANUARY 2024.



Barbara Bender, Mayor
City of Snellville

STATE OF GEORGIA

CITY OF SNELLVILLE

RES 2024-05

RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXTENTION OF TIME TO UPDATE THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SNELLVILLE RELATED TO THE REGULATION OF “CBD STORES”

WHEREAS, Cannabidiol (“CBD”) and Cannabis-based products are largely unregulated under the law; and

WHEREAS, the health impacts of CBD and Cannabis-based products are largely unknown; and

WHEREAS, issues surrounding the regulation of stores which sell Cannabis-based products or CBD (CBD Stores) continue to be one of a complicated nature; and

WHEREAS, the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) of the City of Snellville has not been updated to address these issues; and

WHEREAS, at the 2024 City of Snellville Planning Retreat held on January 20, 2024, it was determined that changes needed to be made to the Unified Development Ordinance in several categories; and

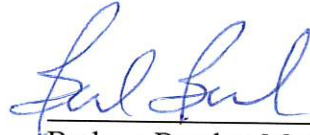
WHEREAS, making such changes to the UDO require advertising and public hearings before both the Planning Commission as well as the Mayor and Council, making all of the changes to the UDO at one time is in the best interest of the Citizens of Snellville; and

WHEREAS, ON JANUARY 23, 2023, the Mayor and Council enacted a Moratorium on the issuance and acceptance of any permits or applications for CBD Stores for a period of six months, and on July 10, 2023, extended the moratorium for a subsequent six months, which will end at 12:00 AM on January 23, 2024; and

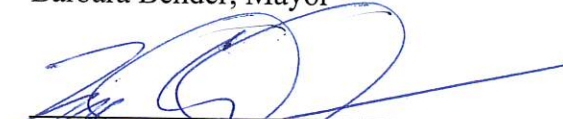
WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council believe it is in the best interest of the Citizens of Snellville to extend the Moratorium in order to make all updates to the UDO at the same time; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Snellville that the existing Moratorium on the issuance or acceptance of any permits or applications related to CBD Stores in the City of Snellville be extended for a period on six (6) months, terminating at 12:00 AM on July 23, 2024.

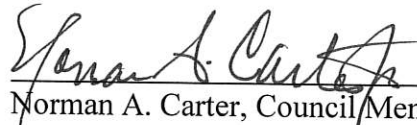
SO RESOLVED this 22nd day of January, 2024.



Barbara Bender, Mayor



Tod Warner, Mayor Pro Tem




Norman A. Carter, Council Member



Kerry Hetherington, Council Member

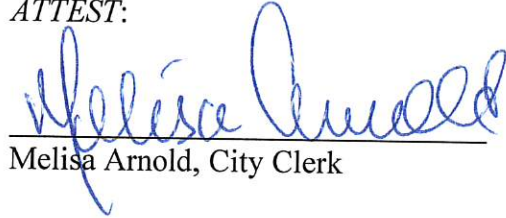


Cristy Lenski, Council Member




Gretchen Schulz, Council Member

ATTEST:



Melisa Arnold, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



W. Charles Ross, City Attorney
Powell & Edwards, P.C.