



PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA
MONDAY, MARCH 25, 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 and Jay Crowley with Powell and Edwards Attorneys at Law, Assistant Chief of Police David Matson, 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 7:40 p.m.

INVOCATION

Ms. Nesia Whitehead gave the invocation.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Council Member Carter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

None

MINUTES

Approve the Minutes of the January 20, 2024 Work Retreat and the March 11, 2024 Meetings

Council Member Schulz made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2024 Work Retreat and the March 11, 2024 Meetings, 2nd by Council Member Carter; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

INVITED GUESTS

None

COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department Update on Drone Program with Video [Warner]

Assistant Chief Matson showed some drone footage and talked about the number of officers who are certified pilots.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Council Member Lenski made a motion to approve the agenda with two additions, New Business item e) Consideration and Action on Approval of RES 2024-07 – Moratorium on Temporary Special Event Licenses for the Consumption of Alcohol on Premises and item f) Consideration and Action on Purchase of Property, 2nd by Mayor Pro Tem Warner; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

CONSENT AGENDA

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration and Action on Award of Bid for the Demolition of 1000 East Park Drive - Old Public Works Building [Bender]

Mayor Bender explained that a new Park Maintenance building has been constructed in the back of the park and the old buildings will be demolished and the surrounding chain link fence will be removed. The existing granite wall will not be taken down.

Council Member Schulz made a motion to approve award of the bid to Complete Demolition Services, LLC in the amount of \$38,000, 2nd by Council Member Carter; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

Mayor's Nomination and Council Confirmation of Shaunt'e Pitt to Planning Commission Post 2 with an Expiration Date of June 30, 2024 [Bender]

Mayor Bender announced that Mr. Pitt will be working with the Parks and Recreation Department soon so she is withdrawing the nomination.

Mayor's Nomination and Council Confirmation of Rose Purdy to Planning Commission Post 4 with an Expiration Date of June 30, 2024 [Bender]

Mayor Bender nominated Rose Purdy to Post 4, confirmed by Council 6 in favor and 0 opposed, nomination confirmed.

Mayor's Nomination and Council Confirmation of Norman A. Carter Jr. to Post 7 of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) [Bender]

Mayor Bender explained that this Post on the DDA is for a Council position. Mayor Bender nominated Council Member Carter to Post 7, confirmed by Council 6 in favor and 0 opposed, nomination confirmed.

Consideration and Action on Approval of RES 2024-07 – Moratorium on Temporary Special Event Licenses for the Consumption of Alcohol on Premises

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Mayor Bender explained that the current ordinance is not clear in its coverage of event facilities and time is needed to study the ordinance for possible revisions.

Council Member Lenski made a motion to approve RES 2024-07 to provide for a study regarding the changes necessary to the Code of the City of Snellville, Georgia, related to the regulation of temporary special event licenses for the consumption of alcohol on premises, 2nd by Council Member Hetherington; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. (A copy of RES 2024-07 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.)

Consideration and Action on Purchase of Property

Council Member Lenski made a motion to approve the purchase of 1662 Oak Road, Parcel R5026 282 and 2230 Scenic Highway, Parcel R5026 300 in the amount of \$3,000,000.00 and authorize Mayor Bender to execute the contract, 2nd by Mayor Pro Tem Warner.

Mayor Bender explained that this is the old BB&T bank property on Highway 124 that is made up of the 2 parcels. The City negotiated with the owners for the purchase for future development and stated that we have no set plans yet.

Mayor Bender recognized City Manager Matthew Pepper who gave an update on the increase in usage of the new Elizabeth Williams Library in the Towne Center.

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 came forward to speak:

Vickie Warren, 2242 Westridge Drive, Snellville.

CJ Pitt, 2704 Hickory Smoke Court, Snellville

Catherine Hardrick, 2280 Buckley Trail, Snellville.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

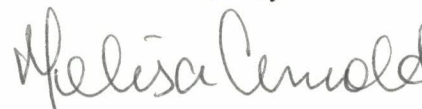
None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Warner made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Council Member Carter; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.



Barbara Bender, Mayor



Melisa Arnold, City Clerk

STATE OF GEORGIA

CITY OF SNELLVILLE

RES 2024-07

**RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR A STUDY REGARDING THE CHANGES
NECESSARY TO THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA, RELATED
TO THE REGULATION OF TEMPORARY SPECIAL EVENT LICENSES FOR THE
CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL ON PREMISES**

WHEREAS, In April 2015, the City of Snellville amended its Code of Ordinances to allow for the issuance of Temporary Special Event Licenses that would allow the sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, issues surrounding the intent of the Ordinance and its applicability in numerous situations is of a complex nature; and

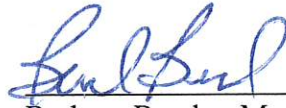
WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council believe it is in the best interest of the Citizens of Snellville to study the history and utilization of the Temporary Special Event License; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Snellville that the Planning and Zoning Department will conduct a study to investigate the current status and proposed necessary changes to the Section 6-192 of the Code of Snellville, Georgia related to Temporary Special Event Licenses.

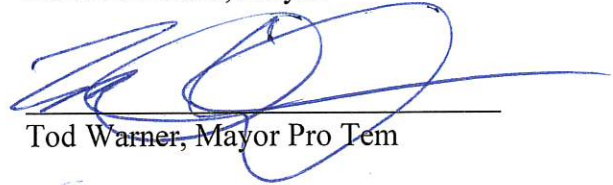
During the study period, the Department of Planning and Zoning is hereby directed not to issue any permits or accept any applications for "Temporary Special Event Licenses" in the City of Snellville. Said study shall begin at 12:00 AM on March 26, 2024, and concludes at 12:00 AM on September 26, 2024.

Signatures appear on following page

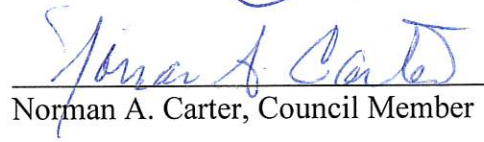
SO RESOLVED this 25th day of March 2024.



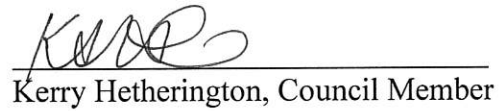
Barbara Bender, Mayor



Tod Warner, Mayor Pro Tem



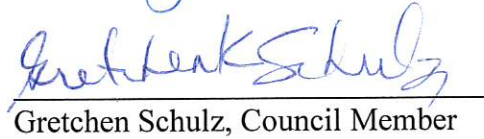
Norman A. Carter, Council Member



Kerry Hetherington, Council Member

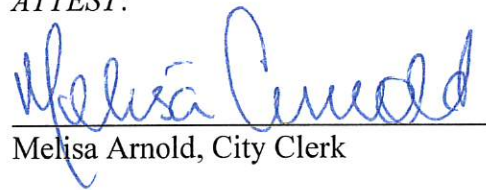


Cristy Lenski, Council Member



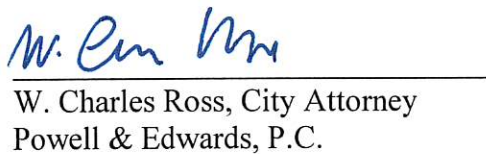
Gretchen Schulz, Council Member

ATTEST:



Melisa Arnold, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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