



SPECIAL CALLED PUBLIC HEARING
OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 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 Zach Spahr, Public Information Officer Brian Arrington, and City Clerk Melisa Arnold.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bender called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Input on Opting Out of the Statewide Adjusted Base Year Ad Valorem Homestead Exemption for the City of Snellville [Bender]

Mayor Bender gave a brief overview of House Bill 581 which initiated the floating homestead exemption. She then explained how taxes are assessed and billed, including how exemptions affect the taxes. A PowerPoint was shown to explain the long-term impacts on the City's budget if we opt in to the homestead exemption.

Mayor Bender opened the floor to public comment and the following people spoke:

Rachelle Brown, 2225 Wisteria Drive, Snellville spoke in favor of opting out of the floating homestead due to the long term impact.

Terry Bradley, 3595 Spring Mesa Drive, Snellville spoke in favor of opting into the floating homestead.

Jim Thomas, no address given, spoke in favor of opting into the floating homestead.

Bobby Howard, 2240 Pinehurst Road, Snellville, spoke in favor of opting into the floating homestead.

No one else came forward so Mayor Bender closed public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

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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 7:15 p.m.



Barbara Bender, Mayor



Melisa Arnold, City Clerk