



WORK SESSION  
OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA  
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 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 Jay Crowley with Powell and Crowley, Chief Greg Perry, 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 MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS**

The agenda was reviewed and discussed.

**REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Crowley said that the change in the code that is needed for the City Manager's contract approval is referenced in the Charter so it will need to be done by Home Rule. The advertisements will be sent to the newspaper and the ordinance drafted.

Discussion was held with Planning Director Thompson about the public hearing item on the agenda from Parkland Communities. Mr. Thompson advised that the only change in the submitted site plan was a larger sidewalk and new planters. Discussion was held about right of way and the commercial building.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Discussion of Gwinnett County House Delegation Rule Change Regarding Annexation [Bender]  
City Manager Pepper explained that the City was made aware of a proposed rule change to the Gwinnett Delegation Rules for Local Legislation regarding annexation. The proposed rule change allows the entire Gwinnett Delegation to vote on local legislation involving legislative annexation. Mr. Pepper will share our local legislator contact information with Mayor and Council so they can reach out to them about the rule change.

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Update of Ongoing Projects [Bender]

City Manager Pepper gave an update on the status of The Grove restaurants, he said the AT&T poles along Pinehurst have finally been removed by the vendor so the sidewalk project can be finished and updated many other projects as well.

**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).

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Warner, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 7:10 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:18 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Carter made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Hetherington; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.



Barbara Bender, Mayor



Melisa Arnold, City Clerk