



SPECIAL CALLED PUBLIC HEARING
OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA
THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 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, Public Information Officer Brian Arrington, IT Administrator Erika Fleeman 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:

Jim Tollis, no address given, spoke in favor of opting into the floating homestead.
Christopher Cattle, no address given, spoke in favor of opting into the floating homestead.
Art Sheldon, no address given, spoke in favor of opting out of the floating homestead.
Kurt Schulz, no address given, spoke in favor of opting out of the floating homestead.
Speaker, no name or address given, spoke in favor of opting into the floating homestead.
Ibrahaim, no last name or address given, spoke in favor of opting into the floating homestead.
Denise S., no address given, spoke in favor of opting into the floating homestead.
Sam Merrill, no address given, spoke in favor of opting into the floating homestead.

Mayor Bender closed public comment and announced the next meeting for public input on February 10 at 6:30 p.m.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Hetherington made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Council Member Carter; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.



Barbara Bender, Mayor



Melisa Arnold, City Clerk