



WORK SESSION  
OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA  
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 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 Zach Spahr, Planning and Development Director Jason Thompson, Public Information Officer Brian Arrington, and City Clerk Melisa Arnold. (Assistant City Manager Mercy Montgomery was absent).

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bender called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

**REVIEW REGULAR BUSINESS MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS**

During review of the agenda the consensus among Mayor and Council was to amend it to add the appointment of Richelle Brown to the Snellville Youth Commission Advisory Board at the request of Council Member Lenski.

While reviewing the Fiscal Year 2025 budget ordinance Mayor Bender explained that there were some small changes but the major change in the budget was the removal of two full time and one part time Park positions. She explained that the positions would not be needed this year due to the delay in the design and construction of the Community Center building.

**REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Ross advised they completed the closing on the Shell Station property located on Highway 124 at Oak Road. (2218 Scenic Highway North)

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Update of Ongoing Projects [Bender]

City Manager Pepper gave an update on the Towne Center as well as other projects in progress.

Discussion about a Towne Greene Policy [Bender]

Mayor Bender explained that due to maintenance, safety, and the overall logistics involved with the main Towne Green it has become difficult to continue to maintain it as a rental space. The Green located in The Grove could be a potential rental once the City has hired a Downtown Development Manager.

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Discussion about Christmas Decorations [Lenski]

Council Member Lenski handed out some proposed additions to the Christmas decoration for the Grove area. Discussion was held about possibly splitting costs with the Grove development company Mid-Cast. Attorney Ross said an amendment to the original contract would be needed to cover these additions.

Discussion of Stormwater Rates [Bender]

City Manager Pepper gave a brief explanation of the results of the fee study conducted by ISE and talked about setting a break-even fee that would cover the costs of current and future stormwater repairs.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

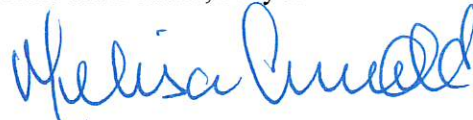
None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pro Tem Warner made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Carter; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.



Barbara Bender, Mayor



Melisa Arnold, City Clerk