



SPECIAL CALLED WORK SESSION  
OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA  
MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024

Present: Mayor Barbara Bender, Mayor Pro Tem Tod Warner, Council Members Norman A. Carter Jr., Cristy Lenski, and Gretchen Schulz. (Council Member Kerry Hetherington was absent.) Also present City Manager Matthew Pepper, Assistant City Manager Mercy Montgomery, Parks and Recreation Director Lisa Platt, Chief of Police Greg Perry, Public Information Officer Brian Arrington and City Clerk Melisa Arnold. Amy Bell with Goodwyn Mills Cawood (GMC) arrived at 6:50 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bender called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Discussion about the Community Center with Goodwyn Mills Cawood [Bender]

City Manager Pepper explained that due to both inflation of construction materials cost in the market as well as the additional service work of the design of the T.W. Briscoe Park Community and Recreation Center along with the proposed outdoor basketball and pickle ball courts, additional tennis courts, and the required parking facilities the cost is approximately \$23 million dollars. which is above the original estimated budget for the project of \$12 to \$13 million dollars.

Mayor Bender talked about the Georgia Municipal Association's Bricks and Mortar plan that would allow the City to finance some of the cost of the building. Consensus was that the \$10 million dollar was too much to finance.

Mayor, Council, Staff, and Ms. Bell held discussions on the best way to cut costs and downsize the Community Center. As currently designed, the Center would house two (2) basketball courts, an indoor walking track, an outdoor pavilion, three (3) multi-purpose activity rooms, and one (1) large community room. Discussion was held on constructing a smaller building that could be expanded in the future. Mayor Bender and Parks Director Platt suggested focusing on the multi-purpose activities rooms and utilizing the old library as a community room and rental facility. This would help create smaller footprint and help reduce the cost of the Center. The consensus was to leave the two indoor basketball courts and the walking trail in the current plan.

Ms. Bell with GMC compiled the suggested changes and advised she would update the proposed building architectural floor plan and associated costs and share it with everyone when it was complete.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pro Tem Warner made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Schulz; voted 5 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.



Barbara Bender, Mayor



Melisa Arnold, City Clerk