

PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2024

Summary Publication Date: December 11, 2024

Present: Mayor Barbara Bender, Mayor Pro Tem Tod Warner and Council Members Kerry Hetherington, and Gretchen Schulz. (Council Members Norman A. Carter Jr. and Cristy Lenski were absent.) Also present City Manager Matthew Pepper, Assistant City Manager Mercy Montgomery, City Attorney Tony Powell 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 7:37 p.m.

**INVOCATION**

Mayor Bender asked for a moment of silence for the passing of John McAloon.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

Mayor Pro Tem Warner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CEREMONIAL MATTERS**

None

**MINUTES**

Approve the Minutes of the October 28, 2024 Meetings and the November 11, 2024 Work Session

Council Member Schulz made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2024 Meetings and the November 11, 2024 Work Session, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Hetherington; voted 4 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

**INVITED GUESTS**

None

**COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

None

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mayor Pro Tem Warner made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Consent Agenda item "Year End Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Amendment Approval," 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Schulz; voted 4 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA** (Please see \*Note)

Approval of Year End Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Amendment

Mayor Pro Tem Warner made a motion to approve the consent agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Hetherington; voted 4 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Consideration and Action on Award of Bid for Janitorial Services for the City of Snellville [Bender]

Mayor Bender explained this contract is to clean City Hall, Public Works, and the Police Department.

Council Member Hetherington made a motion to award the bid to Intercontinental Commercial Services Inc for the annual amount of \$31,398.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Schulz; voted 4 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

Consideration and Action on Award of Bid for Porter Services for the City of Snellville [Bender]

Mayor Bender explained this is a new service to maintain the Grove area including tables, chairs, restrooms, etc.

Council Member Schulz made a motion to approve the award of the bid to Contact Group Solutions in the annual amount of \$30,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor Pro Tem Warner; voted 4 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

Consideration and Action on Award of Bid for T.W. Briscoe Park Pool and Splash Pad Services for the City of Snellville [Bender]

Mayor Bender explained the bid is for the maintenance and services at the TW Briscoe Park Pool and the new Splash Pad at The Grove.

Council Member Hetherington made a motion to award the bid to Positively Pools Inc in the amount of \$92,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor Pro Tem Warner; voted 4 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

Mayor's Nomination and Council Confirmation of Don Britt to Snellville Tourism and Trade Post 4 for the 2024 to 2026 Term

Mayor Bender nominated Don Britt to STAT Post 4; confirmed 4 in favor and 0 opposed, nomination confirmed.

Mayor's Nomination and Council Confirmation of Richard Varnell to the Snellville Youth Commission Advisory Board

Mayor Bender nominated Richard Varnell to the SYC Advisory Board; confirmed 4 in favor and 0 opposed, nomination confirmed.

Consideration and Action on Approval of RES 2024-16 - Resolution to Add Membership in a Fund of Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency (GIRMA) for the Georgia First Responder PTSD Program Coverage [Bender]

Mayor Bender explained this is a new requirement by the State of Georgia to provide PTSD benefits to first responders for their mental health. The resolution allows the City to provide these benefits through our current provider Girma.

Council Member Schulz made a motion to approve RES 2024-16 to add membership in a Fund of Girma for the Georgia First Responder PTSD Program Coverage, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor Pro Tem Warner; voted 4 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

Consideration and Action on RES 2024-17 - Resolution of the City of Snellville, Authorizing Participation in an Amicus Brief in the Chang V. City of Milton Appeal [Bender]

Mayor Bender explained that this resolution will allow us to join with other Cities in Georgia in support of their Sovereign Immunity. The City of Milton was recently held liable for a vehicle accident involving an item in the right of way and the ruling could have far reaching effects on other Cities.

Mayor Pro Tem Warner made a motion to approve RES 2024-17 authorizing participation in an Amicus Brief in the Chang V. City of Milton Appeal, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Hetherington; voted 4 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

Consideration and Action on Award of Bid for the Gravity Sewer Extension to Parcel R5026 039 [Bender]

Mayor Bender explained that this sewer project is for the United Community Bank at the corner of North Road and Wisteria Drive. The bank is currently on septic which must be removed for the intersection improvement project to move forward.

Council Member Schulz made a motion to award the bid for the gravity sewer extension to Professional Pipeline LLC, in the amount of \$212,275 to be paid from the City's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Hetherington; voted 4 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Council Member Hetherington, Schulz, and Mayor Pro Tem Warner gave a report.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Bender gave a report.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following people came forward to speak:

Rose Purdy, 2270 Burlington Lane, Snellville.

Catherine Hardrick, 2280 Buckley Trail, Snellville.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Hetherington made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor Pro Tem Warner; voted 4 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

**\*Note: Items on the Consent Agenda may be read by title only. Upon the request of any Council Member, any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda prior to the adoption of the Regular Agenda. The Consent Agenda, or the remainder thereof omitting the challenged items, shall be adopted by unanimous consent.**