



PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA  
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026

Present: Mayor Barbara Bender, Mayor Pro Tem Norman A. Carter Jr., Council Members Richelle Brown, Catherine Hardrick, Kerry Hetherington and Shaunt'e Pitt. Also present City Manager Matthew Pepper, Assistant City Manager Mercy Montgomery, City Attorney Jay Crowley with Tallant and Howell, Captain Zach Spahr, Code Enforcement Officers Johnny Greene and Tori Fobb-Moore and City Clerk Melisa Arnold. (Public Information Officer Brian Arrington and IT Administrator Erika Fleeman were absent.)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bender called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

**INVOCATION**

Council Member Brown gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

Council Member Hardrick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CEREMONIAL MATTERS**

None

**MINUTES**

Approve the Minutes of the April 13, 2026 Meetings

Council Member Hardrick made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Carter; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

**INVITED GUESTS**

State Representative Segun Adeyina

Representatives Adeyina and Akbar Ali presented Chef Hank Reid of Lettum Eat with House Resolution 1941, recognizing the organization's efforts to address food insecurity.

**COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

None

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**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Council Member Hetherington made a motion to approve the agenda with the removal of New Business item "c) Consideration and Action on RES 2026-02, Resolution of the City of Snellville, Georgia, Authorizing Participation in an Amicus Brief in *Chang v. City of Milton* on Remand Before the Georgia Court of Appeals or, if warranted, the Georgia Supreme Court," seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Carter.

Mayor Bender explained that the brief to be approved has not been written yet so the item will be removed and may be reconsidered at a future meeting.

The motion was voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – ORD 2026-01 - Ordinance to Amend Portions of Chapter Six of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Snellville to Amend Regulations Related to Outside Consumption Of Alcohol, to Repeal Conflicting Ordinances, and for Other Purposes [Bender]

Mayor Bender explained that according to City Code, ordinance amendments require two readings before a vote. This amendment will correct issues with special event permits involving events on the Green which is in the Entertainment District.

Council Member Brown made a motion to approve ORD 2026-01, seconded by Council Member Hardrick; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. (A copy of ORD 2026-01 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.)

Consideration and Action on Approval of the Subrecipient Agreement for Use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2025 Funds Between Gwinnett County, Georgia and City of Snellville for Construction of the TW Briscoe Park Community Center [Bender]

Mayor Bender explained the agreement is for the City to receive FFY 2025 grant funds from CDBG to be used towards the Community Center.

Council Member Hetherington made a motion to approve the Subrecipient Agreement for use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2025 funds, seconded by Council Member Hardrick; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

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Consideration and Action on RES 2026-02 Resolution of the City of Snellville, Georgia Authorizing Participation in an Amicus Brief in Chang V. City of Milton on Remand Before the Georgia Court of Appeals or, if Warranted, The Georgia Supreme Court [Bender]  
This item was removed during the approval of the agenda.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Council Members Hardrick, Brown, Pitt, Hetherington, and Mayor Pro Tem Carter each gave a report.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Bender gave a report.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following people came forward to speak:  
Kelly McAloon, 2916 Overwood Lane, Snellville.  
Michael Coffel, 2009 Wiltshire Pl., Snellville.  
Rose Purdy, 2270 Burlington Lane, Snellville.  
Tricia Rawlins, 2088 Harbour Oaks Dr., Snellville.  
Angela M. Davis, 1351 Green Turf Dr., Snellville.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

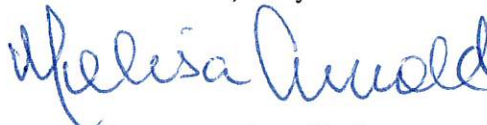
None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pro Tem Carter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Hetherington; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.



Barbara Bender, Mayor



Melisa Arnold, City Clerk

CITY OF SNELLVILLE

STATE OF GEORGIA

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PORTIONS OF CHAPTER SIX OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SNELLVILLE TO AMEND REGULATIONS RELATED TO OUTSIDE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL, TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council desire to amend certain ordinances related to outdoor consumption of alcohol in the Snellville Towne Center Entertainment District; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Council of the City of Snellville, Georgia is authorized by O.C.G.A. § 36-35-3 to adopt ordinances relating to its property, affairs and local government;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Council of the City of Snellville, Georgia believes that it is in the best interest of the City of Snellville.

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA, and by the authority thereof:

**Section 1.** Section 6-195 and 6-196 of Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Snellville is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

**“Sec. 6-195. No outside consumption of alcohol; outdoor alcohol drinking areas.**

- (a) Except as provided in this section, it shall be unlawful for any person to consume any alcoholic beverage or possess any alcoholic beverage in an open container in or upon any street, alley, sidewalk or other public way or place in the city or within any public building.
- (b) Except as provided in this section, it shall be unlawful for any licensed establishment to dispense any alcoholic beverage in an open container for removal from the premises, and it shall be unlawful for any person to remove any open container of an alcoholic beverage from an alcoholic beverage establishment. It shall be the licensee's responsibility to ensure that no open beverages are sold and carried out.
- (c) Except as provided in this section, it is prohibited for customers to gather outside an alcoholic beverage establishment and consume alcoholic beverages.
- (d) Consumption of alcohol in an open container outside of a licensed establishment shall be allowed only in the locations specified below:
  - (1) On the patio of a licensed establishment which meets all of the requirements and is specifically licensed for patio sales in accordance with section 6-197 of this Code;

- (2) In a designated special event outdoor alcohol drinking area as defined by and in accordance with section 6-196 of this Code;
- (3) Within the Snellville Towne Center Entertainment District in accordance with the following provisions:
  - a. The boundaries of the Snellville Towne Center Entertainment District are established by a map adopted by resolution of the mayor and city council. A copy of said map is attached hereto and shall be maintained in the office of the city clerk. If no such resolution and map has been adopted or if such resolution and map are repealed, there shall be no area in the city to which this subsection applies.
  - b. The alcoholic beverage shall be purchased from an establishment licensed for consumption on the premises and located within the Snellville Towne Center Entertainment District, or an approved vendor for a special outdoor event vendor outlined in Section 6-196 of this Chapter. Any establishment licensed to sell alcoholic beverages by the drink for consumption on the premises located within the Snellville Towne Center Entertainment District is authorized to dispense alcoholic beverages in a non-glass container bearing a special city sticker allowing the consumption of the alcohol outside of the premises ("specialty stickers").
  - c. The alcoholic beverage shall be in a non-glass container and shall not be larger than 16 ounces.
  - d. Only two drinks at a time per person may be carried out of an establishment, or approved vendor.
  - e. It shall be unlawful for any person to drink or attempt to drink any alcoholic beverage from an glass container or to possess an open glass container containing any alcoholic beverage in the Snellville Towne Center Entertainment District.
  - f. It shall be unlawful for any person to take an alcoholic beverage served in the designated Snellville Towne Center Entertainment District outside of the designated area or into any vehicle.
  - g. Alcohol may not be carried onto any street except during the temporary period of crossing a street inside designated crosswalks, or if the Snellville Police Department closes a street to vehicular traffic specifically for the purpose of accommodating an outdoor event. Alcoholic beverages served in the designated Snellville Towne Center Entertainment District may be carried upon the sidewalk.
  - h. It shall be unlawful for any person to purchase, distribute or consume alcoholic beverages outside of the timeframes provided in sections 6-90, 6-187 and 6-190 of this Code.
  - i. The alcoholic beverage cannot be carried into an establishment that does not serve alcohol unless permitted by the establishment.

**Sec. 6-196. Special event outdoor alcohol drinking area.**

- (a) A special event outdoor alcohol drinking area shall be located outside in an area clearly marked for identification as an outdoor alcohol drinking area pursuant to a special use permit

issued by the planning director, or their designee, to allow consumption outside of a licensed establishment. Only establishments with a Georgia State license to dispense alcoholic beverages may apply for this special use permit for a temporary license to serve alcohol outdoors. The license shall be granted for a maximum of three consecutive days and shall be governed by all of the other rules and regulations of the city as if the alcohol was being dispensed within a licensed establishment. License fees applicable to this chapter are set forth in the schedule of fees and charges on file in the office of the planning department, on the city website and at the reception center in City Hall. The applicant shall be required to provide adequate security officers for the event as established by the mayor and council at the expense of the applicant. Security officers shall be off-duty police officers or sheriff's deputies from the City of Snellville, or other officers expressly approved by the City of Snellville Chief of Police for that event. Special use permits issued pursuant to this subsection shall not require presentation to the planning commission nor a second reading prior to issuance.

(b) The following additional regulations shall apply to dispensing and drinking alcohol pursuant to subsection (a) above:

- (1) *Two drink limit.* Any establishment licensed to dispense alcoholic beverages by the drink for consumption on the premises is authorized to dispense an alcoholic beverage in a non-glass 16 ounce, or less, container bearing the specialty sticker, for removal from the premises; provided, however, that no establishment shall dispense to any person more than two such alcoholic beverages at a time; and provided the alcohol is consumed in the area specified in the special use permit granted in subsection (a) above.
- (2) *Size limited to 16 ounces.* No container in which an alcoholic beverage is dispensed pursuant to subsection (a) shall exceed 16 fluid ounces in size. No person shall hold in possession within the designated area any open alcoholic beverage container which exceeds 16 fluid ounces in size.
- (3) *Drinking from glass prohibited.* It shall be unlawful for any person to drink or attempt to drink any alcoholic beverage from a glass container or to possess in an open glass container any alcoholic beverage outside or in the designated area.
- (4) *Drinking outside the designated area.* It shall be a violation of subsection (a) to take an alcoholic beverage served in the designated area outside of the designated area for any reason, unless the alcoholic beverage is in a non-glass 16 ounce, or less, container bearing a specialty sticker described in Section 6-195. It shall be unlawful to possess an open alcoholic beverage of any kind outside of the Snellville Towne Center Entertainment District.
- (5) The chief of police or their designee may immediately revoke any temporary license for a special event if it is determined continued alcohol sales may endanger the health, welfare or safety of the public. If the licensee is found in violation of federal, state, or local law, the licensee shall not be eligible for any other temporary special event licenses for 12 months from the date of violation and shall be subject to fines subject to section 1-11 of this Code.
- (6) *Hours and days.* It shall be unlawful for any person to purchase, distribute or consume alcoholic beverages outside of the timeframes provided in sections 6-90, 6-187 and 6-190.”

**Section 2.** (a) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that all sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are or were, upon their enactment, believed by the Mayor and Council to be fully valid, enforceable and constitutional.


(b) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, each and every section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is severable from every other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance. It is hereby further declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, no section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is mutually dependent upon any other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.

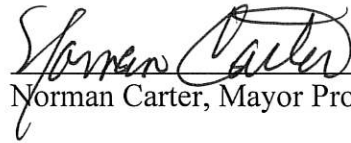
(c) In the event that any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance shall, for any reason whatsoever, be declared invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, it is the express intent of the Mayor and Council that such invalidity, unconstitutionality or unenforceability shall, to the greatest extent allowed by law, not render invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of the Ordinance and that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, all remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of the Ordinance shall remain valid, constitutional, enforceable, and of full force and effect.

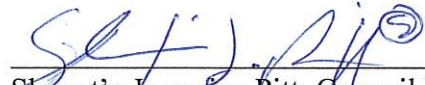
**Section 3.** All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

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ORDAINED this 27 day of March, 2026.

  
Barbara Bender, Mayor

  
Norman Carter, Mayor Pro Tem

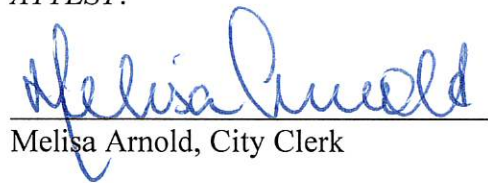
  
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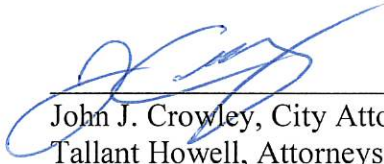
  
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Catherine Hardrick, Council Member

ATTEST:

  
Melisa Arnold, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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