



WORK SESSION
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, Planning Director Jason Thompson, Downtown Development Director Jan Harris, Interim Public Works Director Javier Gonzalez, Code Enforcement Officer Johnny Greene, City Clerk Melisa Arnold. (Public Information Officer Brian Arrington was absent.)

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bender called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

REVIEW REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS

The regular meeting agenda was discussed. Attorney Crowley explained that the Amicus brief referenced in New Business item 'c' has not been written yet so he asked that the item be removed until the document is available for review.

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Bender said the proclamation for the nominated Teacher of the Year at South Gwinnett High School is ready to be presented at the school's meeting this week.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Crowley requested an Executive Session.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Update of Ongoing Projects [Bender]

City Manager Pepper gave updates on several projects. He reviewed a draft parking ordinance that should help address abandoned vehicles on public property. He asked that Mayor and Council review the document and give him their input.

He continued his update with the recycling program, Community Center update, and the North and Wisteria intersection project.

Discussion About Affordable Housing [Carter]

Mayor Pro Tem Carter passed out information regarding criteria for affordable housing and reviewed some of the issues for the City. Planning Director Thompson spoke about the scoring system used for affordable housing projects.

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Snellville Youth Council (SYC) – Unity Day Updates [Brown]

Council Member Brown talked about the significance of Unity Day and reviewed the origins of the SYC's event. She highlighted the contributions of the Youth Council members and emphasized the influence this program can have on both the SYC and the City.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Bender read the closed meeting notice into the record as follows:

- To discuss pending and/or potential litigation, settlement claims, administrative proceedings or other judicial actions, which is exempt from the Open Meetings Act pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-2(1).

Upon a motion by Council Member Hetherington, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Carter, the meeting was closed, with all Council Members and the Mayor present and voting in favor.

The meeting was closed at 7:17 p.m.

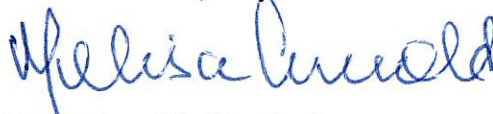
The meeting reconvened at 7:36 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Carter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Hardrick; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.



Barbara Bender, Mayor



Melissa Arnold, City Clerk