



**WORK SESSION
OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA
MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 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 John J. Crowley and Kevin Tallant with Tallant Howell, Chief Greg Perry, Code Enforcement Officers Johnny Greene and Tori Fobb-Moore, Planning and Development Director Jason Thompson, Public Works Director Javier Gonzalez, 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 6:30 p.m.

REVIEW REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS

The public hearing and regular business agenda were reviewed. During the review Mayor Bender confirmed the attendance of Council at the scheduled millage rate public hearings and Planning Director Thompson gave an overview of the revised agenda for the old business item CIC 26-01.

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Bender talked about a meeting that was facilitated between the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and Gwinnett Entrepreneur Center about the use of the Cobblestone offices. There was discussion about a possible partnership that would allow businesses from the Center to lease offices from Cobblestone.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Crowley said an Executive Session is needed for litigation and personnel.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion About Millage and Roll Back Rate Calculations [Bender]

Mayor Bender explained how property taxes are calculated and compared the revenue-neutral rollback rate to the proposed millage rate. Further discussion was held about the millage rate and its effects on the budget.

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Update of Ongoing Projects [Bender]

City Manager Pepper gave an update on the market analysis by Jacobs, an issue with the Community Center construction that is being addressed, and the North Road and Wisteria Drive intersection improvement project.

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 the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee, which is excluded pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3(b)(2).

Upon a motion by Council Member Hetherington, 2nd 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 7:19 p.m.

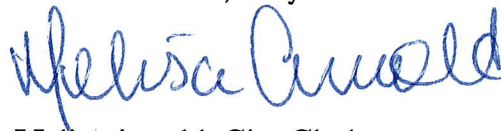
The meeting was reconvened at 7:26 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Hetherington made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Mayor Pro Tem Carter; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.



Barbara Bender, Mayor



Melisa Arnold, City Clerk