



**PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA
MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 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 Kevin Tallant with Tallant Howell, Chief Greg Perry, Code Enforcement Officer Tori Fobb-Moore, Public Information Officer Brian Arrington and City Clerk Melisa Arnold. (IT Administrator Erika Fleeman was absent.)

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bender called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

INVOCATION

Mike Sabbagh gave the invocation.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Council Member Hardrick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

None

MINUTES

Approve the Minutes of the August 10, 2026 Meetings

Council Member Hetherington made a motion to approve the minutes of August 10, 2026 meetings, 2nd by Mayor Pro Tem Carter; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

INVITED GUESTS

Mrs. Alida Sims - Education Specialist - Atlanta North Metro Multicultural Donation Education Program (MDEP)

Ms. Sims spoke about MDEP which is a community outreach program by Lifelink to raise awareness about organ donation among diverse communities.

COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

None

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APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Carter made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, 2nd by Council Member Hetherington; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

CONSENT AGENDA

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration and Action on RES 2026-09 – Adoption of the 2026 Millage Rate [Bender]

Mayor Bender advised that the proposed millage rate is 4.00 mills for the fifth year in a row. She explained that because the tax digest comes so late in the year the budget has to be set without that information. The fiscal year 2027 budget was adopted using the current 4.00 millage rate.

Mayor Bender opened the floor for public comment, and no one came forward so she closed public comment.

Council Member Hetherington made a motion to approve RES 2026-09, 2nd by Mayor Pro Tem Carter; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. The millage rate is approved at 4.00 mills. (A copy of RES 2026-09 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.)

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 for public comment:
Tod Warner, 3144 Turf Terrance, Snellville.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

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ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Carter made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Council Member Hetherington; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.



Barbara Bender, Mayor



Melisa Arnold, City Clerk



CITY OF SNELLVILLE

Resolution

RES 2026-09

ADOPTION OF THE 2026 MILLAGE RATE

- WHEREAS, Georgia law and the City Code of Ordinances require the city to adopt a balanced budget for its operations; and
- WHEREAS, through public hearings, the city staff, Mayor and City Council have drafted such a budget to comply with the requirements of State law; and
- WHEREAS, the adoption of that budget required the passage of a millage rate sufficient to allow for the collection of taxes necessary to cover the cost of operating the City government according to the budget; and
- WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council find it necessary and desirable to establish certain millage rates for properties in Gwinnett County in fairness to the taxpayers of the City and in compliance with State law; and
- WHEREAS, the tax rate of 4.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for City of Snellville taxpayers in Gwinnett County is required for the raising of sufficient revenues to support municipal operations and meeting the requirements of State law for establishing rates; and
- WHEREAS, notices required by law have been published in the legal organ of the City of Snellville; and
- WHEREAS, the City has conducted public hearings to receive comments from citizens on the proposed budget and rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SNELLVILLE hereby ordains and resolves that the millage rate of 4.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for City of Snellville taxpayers in Gwinnett County enumerated above is approved and ordained for fiscal year 2026-2027.

RESOLVED this 24th day of August 2026.



ATTEST:

Melisa Arnold
Melisa Arnold, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kevin Tallant
Kevin Tallant, City Attorney
Tallant Howell, Attorneys at Law

Barbara Bender
Barbara Bender, Mayor

Norman Carter
Norman Carter, Mayor Pro Tem

Richelle Brown
Richelle Brown, Council Member

Catherine Hardrick
Catherine Hardrick, Council Member

Kerry Hetherington
Kerry Hetherington, Council Member

Shaunt'e Jermaine Pitt
Shaunt'e Jermaine Pitt, Council Member