



**WORK SESSION
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 and Associate Alexa Dato-Caudell with Tallant Howell, Chief Greg Perry, Public Works Director Javier Gonzalez, Planning and Development Director Jason Thompson, Public Information Officer Brian Arrington and City Clerk Melisa Arnold.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bender called the meeting to order at 6:21 p.m.

REVIEW REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS

The agenda was reviewed and discussed.

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE

None

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Tallant gave an update on the Package store litigation and advised that the processes have been approved for verifying the applicants and the lottery which will be held at the September 28, 2026 meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Update of Ongoing Projects [Bender]

City Manager Pepper advised that the market study by Jacobs for the property located at the corner of Highway 124 and Oak Road is complete. After discussion the consensus was to call a special called work session on Tuesday, September 15th at 6 p.m. so they can present it to the Mayor and Council. Discussion followed about other meetings to be held with the public to gather input on the market study.

City Manager Pepper talked about a modified bid process for the roof project on the Park Marigold building that is offered by a company called Garland who is on state contract. After discussion the consensus was to have them present a proposal to compare against other bids already received.

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Discussion About the Cobblestone Office Complex [Carter]

Mayor Pro Tem Carter said that the Downtown Development Authority would like additional assistance in marketing the office complex. They have asked if they could be included in any marketing campaigns for The Grove. Discussion was held about the cost and upgrades that need to be done.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- To authorize negotiations to purchase, dispose of, or lease property; authorize the ordering of an appraisal related to the acquisition or disposal of real estate; enter into a contract to purchase, dispose of, or lease property subject to approval in a subsequent public vote; or enter into an option to purchase, dispose of, or lease real estate subject to approval in subsequent public vote, which is excluded from the Open Meetings Act pursuant to Section 50-14-3(b)(1)(C).

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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 7:09 p.m.

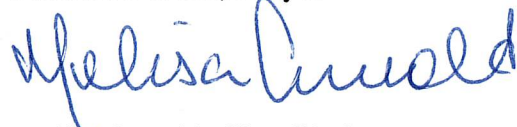
The meeting reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

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 7:25 p.m.



Barbara Bender, Mayor



Melisa Arnold, City Clerk