



WORK SESSION
OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA
MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026

Present: Mayor Barbara Bender, Mayor Pro Tem Norman A. Carter Jr., Council Members Richelle Brown, Catherine Hardrick and Shaunt'e Pitt. (Council Member Kerry Hetherington was absent.) Also present City Manager Matthew Pepper, Assistant City Manager Mercy Montgomery, City Attorney Jay Crowley with Powell and Crowley, Chief Greg Perry, Interim Public Works Director Javier Gonzalez, Planning and Development Director Jason Thompson, Public Information Officer Brian Arrington, Code Enforcement Officers Johnny Greene and Tori Fobb-Moore and City Clerk Melisa Arnold.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bender called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

REVIEW REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS

The agenda was reviewed and discussed. The sanitation bid award was discussed and City Manager Pepper explained that due to the fact the amount can fluctuate from month to month there is no annual amount assigned. The remaining agenda was reviewed.

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE

None

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Crowley said an Executive Session is needed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

FY 2025 Audit Review by City Auditor James Whitaker [Bender]

Mayor Bender recognized Mr. Whitaker who gave an overview of the change in how the audit is presented for fiscal year 2025. He explained that due to the fact that the City pays the long-term debt for the Downtown Development Authority it is now covered as a blended component of the audit. He went on to review various facets of the audit and answer questions of the Mayor and Council.

Update of Ongoing Projects [Bender]

City Manager Pepper gave an update on The Grove. He said the City is planning to have the Grand Opening on Saturday, May 2. Brief discussion followed about deliveries and parking restrictions in The Grove area and the parking deck.

City Manager Pepper reported that they are working on a proposal for a company to create concepts of feasible projects for the property that was purchased on Highway 124 and Oak Road.

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Planning Director Thompson explained what a feasible concept would be based on for the use of the property.

Discussion on Allocating City Hall Display Window Space for Snellville Youth Council (SYC) [Brown]

Council Member Brown explained that the SYC would like to display some of the group's items and consensus was to move forward with the display.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- 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).

Mayor Pro Tem Carter made a motion to close the meeting for an executive session. After further discussion consensus was there was not enough time to hold the meeting so the work session would be adjourned and the executive session would be held after the regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Brown made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Mayor Pro Tem Carter; voted 5 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.



Barbara Bender, Mayor



Melisa Arnold, City Clerk