

PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026

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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, Code Enforcement Officers Johnny Greene and Tori Fobb-Moore and City Clerk Melisa Arnold. (Public Information Officer Brian Arrington and IT Administrator Erika Fleeman were absent.)

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bender called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

INVOCATION

Council Member Brown gave the invocation.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Council Member Hardrick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

None

MINUTES

Approve the Minutes of the April 13, 2026 Meetings

Council Member Hardrick made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Carter; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

INVITED GUESTS

State Representative Segun Adeyina

Representatives Adeyina and Akbar Ali presented Chef Hank Reid of Lettum Eat with House Resolution 1941, recognizing the organization's efforts to address food insecurity.

COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Council Member Hetherington made a motion to approve the agenda with the removal of New Business item "c) Consideration and Action on RES 2026-02, Resolution of the City of Snellville, Georgia, Authorizing Participation in an Amicus Brief in *Chang v. City of Milton* on Remand Before the Georgia Court of Appeals or, if warranted, the Georgia Supreme Court," seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Carter.

Mayor Bender explained that the brief to be approved has not been written yet so the item will be removed and may be reconsidered at a future meeting.

The motion was voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

CONSENT AGENDA (Please see *Note)

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

2nd Reading – ORD 2026-01 - Ordinance to Amend Portions of Chapter Six of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Snellville to Amend Regulations Related to Outside Consumption Of Alcohol, to Repeal Conflicting Ordinances, and for Other Purposes [Bender]

Mayor Bender explained that according to City Code, ordinance amendments require 2 readings before a vote. This amendment will correct issues with special event permits involving events on the Green which is in the entertainment district.

Council Member Brown made a motion to approve ORD 2026-01, seconded by Council Member Hardrick; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

Consideration and Action on Approval of the Subrecipient Agreement for Use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2025 Funds Between Gwinnett County, Georgia and City of Snellville for Construction of the TW Briscoe Park Community Center [Bender]

Mayor Bender explained the agreement is for the City to receive FFY 2025 grant funds from CDBG to be used towards the Community Center.

Council Member Hetherington made a motion to approve the Subrecipient Agreement for use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2025 funds, seconded by Council Member Hardrick; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

Consideration and Action on RES 2026-02 Resolution of the City of Snellville, Georgia Authorizing Participation in an Amicus Brief in Chang V. City of Milton on Remand Before the Georgia Court of Appeals of, if Warranted, The Georgia Supreme Court [Bender]

This item was removed during the approval of the agenda.

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 to speak:

Kelly McAloon, 2916 Overwood Lane, Snellville.

Michael Coffel, 2009 Wiltshire Pl., Snellville.

Rose Purdy, 2270 Burlington Lane, Snellville.

Tricia Rawlins, 2088 Harbour Oaks Dr., Snellville.

Angela M. Davis, Snellville.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Carter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Hetherington; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

***Note: Items on the Consent Agenda may be read by title only. Upon the request of any Council Member, any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda prior to the adoption of the Regular Agenda. The Consent Agenda, or the remainder thereof omitting the challenged items, shall be adopted by unanimous consent.**