

**PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA
MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 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 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

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 (Please see *Note)

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.

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

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.

***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.**