

PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2026

Summary Publication Date: June 10, 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, City Attorney John J. Crowley with Tallant Howell, Chief Greg Perry, Planning and Development Director Jason Thompson, Code Enforcement Officers Johnny Greene and Tori Fobb-Moore, IT Administrator Erika Fleeman and City Clerk Melisa Arnold. (Assistant City Manager Mercy Montgomery and Public Information Officer Brian Arrington were absent.)

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bender called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

INVOCATION

Mike Sabbagh gave the invocation.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Council Member Hardrick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

PRO 2026-10 – Retirement of John Dennis, City Zoning Administrator

Mayor Bender read the proclamation into the record. (Mr. Dennis was not present to accept the proclamation.)

MINUTES

Approve the Minutes of the May 27, 2026 Special Called Meetings

Mayor Pro Tem Carter made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2026 meetings, 2nd by Council Member Hetherington; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

INVITED GUESTS

None

COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

PUBLIC HEARING

1st Reading - UDO 26-01 Consideration and Recommendation on a Text Amendment to the Text of the Unified Development Ordinance for the City of Snellville, Georgia (“UDO”), Adopted 10-26-2020 and Last Amended 3-10-2025. the Proposed Amendment is to Chapter 100, Article 1 (Introductory Provisions; Article 2 (Definitions); and Article 3 (Administration) and to Chapter 200, Article 1 (Rules for All Zoning Districts); Article 2 (Residential Districts); Article 6 (Use Provisions); and Article 7 (Site Development)

Mayor Bender explained that an ordinance amendment requires two consecutive readings per the City code, the first reading is waived and the second reading is placed on the next meeting's agenda for a public hearing and vote.

Mayor Bender explained this ordinance amendment mainly cleans up technicalities and discretions.

Council Member Hetherington made a motion to waive the first reading and place on the June 22, 2026 agenda, 2nd by Council Member Brown; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

CONSENT AGENDA (Please see *Note)

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

2nd Reading – ORD 2026-02 – Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget for Each Fund of the City of Snellville, Georgia, Appropriating the Amounts Shown in Each Budget as Expenditures/Expenses, Adopting the Several Items of Revenue anticipations, and Prohibiting Expenditures or Expenses from Exceeding the Actual Funding Available [Bender]

City Manager Pepper gave an overview of the Fiscal Year 2026 milestones and the Fiscal Year 2027 general fund budget and capital expenditures.

Mayor Bender explained that the majority of the budget increase is in salaries so that the City can remain competitive and retain employees.

Mayor Pro Tem Carter made a motion to approve ORD 2026-02 adopting the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget, 2nd by Council Member Hardrick; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

2nd Reading – ORD 2026-03 - An Ordinance to Amend the Solid Waste Ordinance Chapter 46); to Provide Severability; to Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; to Provide an Effective Date; and for Other Purposes [Bender]

Mayor Bender explained that this amendment will bring the code into alignment with the new contract that changes some of the sanitation procedures, such as removing the blue bag bulk pick up program.

Council Member Hetherington made a motion to approve ORD 2026-03, 2nd by Mayor Pro Tem Carter; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

1st Reading – ORD 2026-04 - An Ordinance of the City of Snellville, Georgia to Regulate the Parking of Vehicles; to Provide for Restrictions on Overnight Parking; to Provide for the

Removal of Vehicles that are Parked Overnight; to Provide for Regulations as to Use of Parking Facilities; to Provide for an Effective Date; and for Other Purposes [Bender]

Council Member Hardrick made a motion to waive the first reading and place on the June 22, 2026 agenda, 2nd by Council Member Hetherington; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

Consideration and Action on Amendment to the Purchase and Sale Agreement of 2218 Scenic Hwy for the Purpose of Extending the Deadline for Environmental Testing [Bender]

City Manager Pepper explained that the extension of the deadline is to allow the prior owner more time to remediate the site so it can qualify for a “No Further Action” letter by the Environmental Protection Division. Once the site meets the criteria for an NFA letter the City will pay the remaining balance in escrow.

Council Member Hetherington made a motion to approve the amendment of the purchase and sale agreement for 2218 Scenic Hwy, 2nd by Council Member Brown; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

Mayor’s Nomination and Council Confirmation on Re-Appointment of the Following Board of Appeals Board Members [Bender]

- i. Post 2 – Deborah Jones – Term Expiration June 30, 2028

Mayor Bender nominated Deborah Jones for Post 2, confirmed 6 in favor and 0 opposed, nomination confirmed.

Mayor’s Nomination and Council Confirmation on Re-Appointment of the Following Planning Commission Board Members [Bender]

- ii. Post 2 – Kevin Morrissey – Term Expiration June 30, 2028
- iii. Post 3 – Terry Kori – Term Expiration June 30, 2028
- iv. Post 4 – Rose Purdy - Term Expiration June 30, 2028

Mayor Bender nominated Kevin Morrissey for Post 2, Terry Kori for Post 3, and Rose Purdy for Post 4, confirmed 6 in favor and 0 opposed, nominations confirmed.

Mayor’s Nomination and Council Confirmation on Re-Appointment of the Following Parks and Recreation Board Members [Bender]

- i. Post 2 – Anne Dowdall – Term Expiration June 30, 2028
- ii. Post 3 – Regina Hart – Term Expiration June 30, 2028
- iii. Post 4 – Alice Snipes - Term Expiration June 30, 2028

Mayor Bender nominated Anne Dowdall for Post 2, Regina Hart for Post 3, and Alice Snipes for Post 4, confirmed 6 in favor and 0 opposed, nominations confirmed.

Mayor’s Nomination and Council Confirmation on Re-Appointment of the Following Downtown Development Board Members [Bender]

- i. Post 1 – Emmett Clower – Term Expiration June 30, 2030
- ii. Post 2 – Don Britt – Term Expiration June 30, 2030

Mayor Bender nominated Emmett Clower for Post 1 and Don Britt for Post 2, confirmed 6 in favor and 0 opposed, nominations confirmed.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Members Hardrick, Brown, Pitt, 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:

Claudette Forbes, 2781 London Berry Court, Snellville.

Kelly McAloon, 2916 Overwood Lane, Snellville.

Marlyn Tillman, 1977 Tanglewood Drive, Snellville.

Mike Sabbagh, 1600 Summit View Way, Snellville.

Tricia Rawlins, 2088 Harbour Oaks Drive, 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 8:44 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.**