



CITY OF BARTOW
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025 AT 6:00 PM
OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS
450 NORTH WILSON AVE., BARTOW, FL 33830

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2. INVOCATION - Pastor Jesse Maxwell, Bible Baptist Church of Bartow
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
4. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
 - a. Presentation on City of Bartow - Polk County Library Cooperative (PCLC) Partnership, Gladys Roberts, PCLC Coordinator.
 - b. Presentation on City of Bartow — Fisheries Enhancements to Lake Ruth and Hack Lake by Matt Swerdfeger, Fisheries Biologist for Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation.
5. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
At this time, the Commission will receive comments from the public regarding matters not appearing on this agenda.
6. CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS
7. REPORTS OF CHARTER OFFICERS
 - a. City Manager Communications
 1. Update — Sports Marketing - Jason Hargrove, PRCA Director
 - b. City Attorney Communications
 - c. Legislative Updates
8. AGENDA MODIFICATION/APPROVAL
9. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS
At this time, the Commission will receive comments from the public regarding matters that appear on this agenda, not otherwise scheduled for a separate Public Hearing.

10. HEARINGS – FIRST AND SECOND READINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Public hearing and adoption of Resolution No. 25-4250-R - A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF BARTOW.
- b. Public hearing and first reading of Ordinance No. 2025-24 - First reading and public hearing of Ordinance No. 2025-24 - AN ORDINANCE OF BARTOW, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE TEXT AND MAPS OF THE BARTOW COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONSISTENT WITH THE 2024 EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL (EAR) LETTER; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL TO FLORIDA COMMERCE FOR REVIEW AND COMPLIANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
- c. First reading and consideration of Ordinance No. 2025-25 — AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA; PROPOSING FOUR AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BARTOW; SPECIFICALLY TO MODIFY SECTION 2.02 RELATING TO THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF CITY COMMISSIONERS; TO MODIFY SECTION 2.03 RELATING TO THE TIMING OF ELECTIONS; TO MODIFY SECTION 2.05 RELATING TO THE SELECTION OF A MAYOR; AND TO MODIFY SECTION 4.06 RELATING TO THE SCHEDULE OF CITY ELECTIONS; PROVIDING THAT UPON FINAL PASSAGE OF THE ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT AT THE NEXT CITY ELECTION FOR A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BARTOW; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE UPON FINAL PASSAGE.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of December 1, 2025 City Commission Regular Meeting minutes.
- b. Approval of City Commissioner absences for December 1, 2025: None.
- c. Acceptance and Approval of Warranty Deed from James A. Clements for 10 Acres on Sand Lake Road for Future Electric Substation Location.

12. OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

- a. OLD BUSINESS
- b. NEW BUSINESS
 1. Consideration and approval of Application No. S-25-10-PSP — The Terraces at Stuart Crossing Preliminary Subdivision Plat, a 400 lot, single family and single family attached residential development. The development area consists of 58.9 acres (+/-) of the overall Stuart Crossing project, which is 692 acres (+/-) in size. The property is owned by JK Stuart Properties, LLC, and is located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Ernest M. Smith Jr. Blvd and Osprey Blvd., in Sections 29-32, Township 29S, Range 25E, Polk County, Florida.

2. Consideration and approval of agreement for the transfer of roads from Polk County to the City of Bartow.

13. RESOLUTIONS

14. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- a. GARY BALL
- b. LEO E. LONGWORTH
- c. TRISH PFEIFFER
- d. LAURA SIMPSON
- e. TANYA TUCKER

15. ADJOURNMENT

Please be advised that if you desire to appeal from any decisions made because of the above hearing or meeting, you will need a record of the proceedings and in some cases a verbatim record is required. You must make your own arrangements to produce this record. (Florida Statute 286.0105). The City Commission may continue the public hearing(s) to other dates and times as it deems necessary. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time, and place of any continuation of these or continued public hearings may be announced during the hearing and that no further notices regarding this matter will be published. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the City Clerk's Office at 450 N. Wilson Avenue, P.O. Box 1069, Bartow, Florida 33831-1069 or phone (863) 534-0100 within 2 working days of your receipt of this meeting notification; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771. Posted at City Hall, Bartow Public Library, the City's website: www.cityofbartow.net and Facebook page on December 11, 2025.