



CITY OF BARTOW  
**CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2026 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
  - a. Pastor Rob Sowell, Word of Life Christian Center
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
4. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
  - a. Issuance of a proclamation recognizing Agri-Fest Weeks. Being accepted by Sarah Waldman, Agri-Fest Coordinator and Carole McKenzie, Polk County Farm Bureau Executive Director.
  - b. Issuance of a proclamation recognizing the 12th Annual SyFy Bartow event, February 21, 2026. Being accepted by event hosts Sean and Lori Serdynski.
  - c. Black History Facts — Commissioner Leo E. Longworth
  - d. Presentation of Library Spring Programs – Christina Hielscher, City Librarian
  - e. Golf Course programming update — Tami Waring, Golf Course Manager
  - f. Presentation of Beautification Awards — Kyle Lasek, Director of Parks & Recreation
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. Support of State Road 60 Scenic Highway Designation — Central Florida Regional Planning Council, Polk County Board of County Commissioners

and Polk County Historical Commission — Mike Herr, City Manager

- 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 final reading of Ordinance No. 2026-02 — AN ORDINANCE VACATING AND CLOSING AN UNOPENED PLATTED RIGHT OF WAY (ALDERMAN AVENUE) EXTENDING FROM PEARL STREET TO VINE STREET, AND LYING BETWEEN LOTS 1 THRU 6, BLOCK 5 AND LOTS 7 THRU 12, BLOCK 4, ALL OF WHICH ARE PART OF OAKDALE SUBDIVISION, PB 8, PG 38, PUBLIC RECORDS OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA.
- b. First reading and consideration of Ordinance 2026-01 — AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ELECTRIC SERVICE UTILITIES; AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 78 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BARTOW; SPECIFICALLY UPDATING SECTIONS DEALING WITH THE PAYMENT OF BILLS AND INSTALLATION OF UNDERGROUND FACILITIES; REPEALING ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER’S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of February 2, 2026 City Commission Regular Meeting minutes.
- b. Approval of February 2, 2026 Commissioner absence(s): None.
- c. Consideration and approval of Letter of Authorization request for Peace Creek Restoration at Wilson Preserve.

12. OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

a. OLD 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. (Continued from December 15, 2025).

- b. NEW BUSINESS — NONE

### 13. RESOLUTIONS

- a. RESOLUTION NO. 26-4256-R - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA RELATING TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN PROGRAM PROJECT NUMBER DW53023; MAKING FINDINGS; AMENDING PLEDGED REVENUES; PROVIDING ASSURANCES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

### 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 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) on other dates and at 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 notice 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](http://www.cityofbartow.net) and Facebook page on February 12 & 13, 2026.