



CITY OF BARTOW  
**CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**  
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 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 Andrew Farley, Mount Olive Freewill Baptist Church
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
4. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
  - a. Issuance of a proclamation recognizing the 55th Annual Bloomin' Arts Festival, March 7-8, 2026. Being accepted by Bloomin' Arts Co-Chairpersons, Michell Githens and Lara Frederickson.
  - b. Issuance of a proclamation recognizing March 2026 as American Red Cross Month. Being accepted by Tina Sweeten. Executive Director, American Red Cross of Mid-Florida.
  - c. Presentation of March 2026 Beautification Awards — PRCA Asst. Director Kyle Lasek
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
  - 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 consideration of RESOLUTION NO. 26-4253-R – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA RELATING TO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT; APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE AUGUST 2025 REPORT OF THE CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL ENTITLED 2025 BARTOW CRA FINDING OF NECESSITY; MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND A SUPPLEMENTAL FINDING OF NECESSITY PURSUANT TO SECTION 163.355, FLORIDA STATUTES, FOR THE EXERCISE OF COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, PURSUANT TO THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1969, OVER TWO (2) PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AND REFERRED TO AS CARVER RECREATION CENTER AND TUSCAN MASONIC LODGE; ADDING THE CARVER RECREATION CENTER AND TUSCAN MASONIC LODGE PROPERTIES TO THE EXISTING COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
- b. Public hearing and consideration of RESOLUTION NO. 26-4254-R – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA RELATING TO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT; APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA AND THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA; APPROVING THE 2026 BARTOW CRA COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE DATED JANUARY 2026 FOR THE BARTOW COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA PURSUANT TO THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1969; PROVIDING FINDINGS REGARDING THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE AND AGENCY ACTIVITY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
- c. Public hearing and consideration of RESOLUTION NO. 26-4255-R – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA (THE "AGENCY") TO ENTER INTO LOAN AGREEMENTS WITH THE LENDER AND OBTAIN A LOAN THEREUNDER; DESIGNATING THE 2026A NOTE AS A "QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATION" UNDER SECTION 265(b)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986; APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT; APPROVING THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE AGENCY WITH RESPECT TO ITS APPROVAL OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT AND THE LOAN; AND PROVIDING SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
- d. Public hearing and final reading of Ordinance No. 2025-17 - AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING UPON THE PETITION OF THE OWNERS THEREOF APPROXIMATELY 369.3 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE

NORTH SIDE OF HIGHWAY 60 EAST; SOUTH SIDE OF GERBER DAIRY ROAD; AND 3,600' WEST OF RIFLE RANGE ROAD IN SECTIONS 29 THRU 32, TOWNSHIP 29S, RANGE 26E, POLK COUNTY FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERROR; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE UPON FINAL PASSAGE.

- e. Public hearing and final reading of Ordinance No. 2025-18 — AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA; SAID AMENDMENT BEING KNOWN AS “AMENDMENT NO. CPA-25-01-LS – EMILIE EAST”; SPECIFICALLY ASSIGNING LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL LAND USE TO RECENTLY ANNEXED PARCELS OWNED BY SMITH GERBER, LLC; TRANSMITTING SAID AMENDMENT TO FLORIDACOMMERCE DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR A FINDING OF COMPLIANCE; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERROR; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE UPON FINAL PASSAGE.
- f. Public hearing and final reading of Ordinance No. 2025-19 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA, ZONING APPROXIMATELY 369.3 ACRES OF LAND OWNED BY SMITH GERBER, LLC AND LOCATED IN SECTIONS 29 THRU 32, TOWNSHIP 29S, RANGE 26E, POLK COUNTY FLORIDA, AS PD, PLANNED DEVELOPMENT; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERROR; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE UPON FINAL PASSAGE.
- g. Public hearing and final reading of Ordinance No. 2025-21 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA; SAID AMENDMENT BEING KNOWN AS “AMENDMENT NO. CPA-25-02-LS – EMILIE WEST”; SPECIFICALLY TO CHANGE THOSE PARCELS OF LAND OWNED BY CLEAR SPRINGS LAND COMPANY, LLC., FROM CLEAR SPRINGS PLANNED INDUSTRIAL TO CLEAR SPRINGS RESIDENTIAL; TRANSMITTING SAID AMENDMENT TO THE FLORIDACOMMERCE DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR A FINDING OF COMPLIANCE; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERROR; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE UPON FINAL PASSAGE.
- h. Public hearing and final reading of Ordinance No. 2025-22 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA, ZONING APPROXIMATELY 556 ACRES OF LAND OWNED BY CLEAR SPRINGS LAND COMPANY, LLC AND LOCATED IN SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 29S, RANGE 25E AND SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 29S, RANGE 26E, POLK COUNTY FLORIDA, AS PD, PLANNED DEVELOPMENT; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERROR; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE UPON FINAL PASSAGE.
- i. Public hearing and final reading of Ordinance No. 2025-23 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA; SAID AMENDMENT BEING KNOWN AS “AMENDMENT #CPA-25-

03-TEXT"; SPECIFICALLY TO AMEND POLICY 3.2.7 AND 3.3.38 OF THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT TO: 1) EXTEND THE BUILDOUT YEAR OF THE CLEAR SPRINGS SECTOR PLAN DETAIL SPECIFIC AREA PLAN #1; 2) INCORPORATE THE CLEAR SPRINGS LAND USE EQUIVALENCY MATRIX; AND 3) ALLOW RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES (SOLAR POWER) IN ALL CLEAR SPRINGS LAND USE DESIGNATIONS; TRANSMITTING SAID AMENDMENT TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY (DEO) FOR A FINDING OF COMPLIANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERROR; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE UPON FINAL PASSAGE.

- j. Public Hearing — Review and consideration by the City Commission of the City of Bartow of a request by Clear Springs Land Company, LLC, to amend a previously approved Development Agreement with the City of Bartow.
- k. Public hearing and final reading 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 16, 2026. City Commission Regular Meeting minutes.
- b. Approval of February 16, 2026 City Commissioner absence(s): None
- c. Consideration and approval of updated Electric Utilities Cost in Aid of Construction Guidelines.
- d. State Appropriate funded Fire Truck Purchase through Sourcewell Cooperative with Oshkosh Corporation/Pierce Manufacturing (Ten-8). (Cooperative Purchasing/Governmental Contracts that exceed \$100,000.00)
- e. Consideration and approval, authorizing staff to enter contract negotiations starting with the highest ranked firm CityVitae, LLC for Electric Vehicle Charging Station Infrastructure Implementation.
- f. Approval of staff request to apply for and the use of the FY 2026-2027 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$102,630.19.

#### 12. OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

- a. OLD BUSINESS
- b. NEW BUSINESS

#### 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 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](http://www.cityofbartow.net) and Facebook page on February 26, 2026.