



CITY OF BARTOW
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 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 Dianne Watson, Praise Temple Deliverance Church
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
4. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
 - a. Issuance of a proclamation recognizing March 28, 2026 as Luster African American Heritage Museum Jazz Party & Tour Day. Being accepted by Mr. Charles Luster, Founder, Luster African American Museum.
 - b. Issuance of a proclamation recognizing March 2026 as Child Gun Safety Education Month. Being accepted by Robert Dummett, Executive Director, In-Gauge of Polk County.
 - c. Issuance of a proclamation recognizing March 16–20, 2026 as Government Finance Professionals Week. Being accepted by Peter Lear, City of Bartow Finance Director and Finance Staff.
 - d. Issuance of a proclamation recognizing March 2026 as Procurement Month. Being accepted by Danielle Rose, City of Bartow Procurement Manager & Procurement Staff.
 - e. Issuance of a proclamation recognizing March 2025 as Women’s History Month. Being accepted by staff and audience members.
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. Fort Fraser Trail Signage
2. Electric Apprentice Graduation — Michael Poucher, Electric Utility 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 consideration of Resolution No. 26-4257-R - A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF BARTOW.
 - b. First reading and consideration of Ordinance No. 2026-03 - AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE CITY OF BARTOW'S ANTI-LITTER ORDINANCE; AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 38 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BARTOW; SPECIFICALLY UPDATING SECTIONS DEALING WITH DEFINITIONS AND THE CLEANLINESS OF THE EXTERIOR OF COMMERCIAL BUSINESS SPACES; 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 March 2, 2026 City Commission Regular Meeting minutes.
 - b. Approval of February 2, 2026 City Commission Workshop minutes. (Communications Plan)
 - c. Approval of City Staffing Reorganization Plan.
 - d. Approval of City Commissioner absence(s) for March 2, 2026: None.
12. OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS
 - a. OLD BUSINESS
 - b. NEW BUSINESS
 1. Consideration and approval of Application #S-26-02-PSP - CORTA Commons at Stuart Crossing Preliminary Subdivision Plat, a multi-parcel, retail commercial development. The development area consists of 121.8 acres (+/-) of the overall Stuart Crossing Planned Development project,

which is 692 acres (+/-) in size. The property is owned by J.K. Stuart Properties, LLC, and is located on the northeast corner of the intersection of US Highway 98 North and Ernest M. Smith Jr. Blvd, in Section 30, Township 29S, Range 25E, Polk County, Florida.

13. RESOLUTIONS

- a. RESOLUTION NO. 26-5258-R - A RESOLUTION REVISING THE CITY OF BARTOW'S TABLE OF CIVIL PENALTIES FOR CIVIL CODE VIOLATIONS, AS ESTABLISHED IN ORDINANCE NO. 2016-02, ORIGINALLY CREATED BY RESOLUTION 16-3920-R, AND PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY RESOLUTION 19-4036-R; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING 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 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 March 12, 2026.