



CITY OF BARTOW  
**CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**  
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026 AT 6:00 PM  
OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE  
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
450 NORTH WILSON AVE., BARTOW, FL 33830

**AMENDED AGENDA**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2. INVOCATION - Pastor Andrew Farley, Mt. Olive Freewill Baptist Church
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
4. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
  - a. Issuance of a proclamation recognizing April 11, 2026 as the 13th Annual Herbert Dixon Charity Golf Tournament. Being accepted by Mr. Herb Dixon, Honoree, and Mr. Carver Young, Representative of the Deacons & Stewards Alliance.
  - b. Issuance of a proclamation recognizing April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Being accepted by Heartland for Children Director of Community Relations Shawna Butler and Tyiesha Ghent, Community Engagement Specialist.
  - c. Issuance of a proclamation recognizing April 2026 as Donate Life Month. Being accepted by LifeLink Foundation, Inc. Being accepted by Margaret Glidewell, Volunteer for LifeLink Foundation.
  - d. Issuance of a proclamation recognizing April 12–18, 2026 as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week. Being accepted by Bartow Police Department Communications Supervisor Jane Casselman and Communications Staff.
  - e. Presentation of April 2026 Beautification Awards - Kyle Lasek, PRCA Asst. Director
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. Road Resurfacing Project Update FY 25-26 — Billy Groover, Public Works Director

2. Non-Profit and Community Partners FY 26-27 Funding — Mike Herr, City Manager
3. Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) Modification of Phase III Water Restriction — John Hall, Asst. City Manager of Infrastructure Services and Tray Towles, Director of Code Compliance and Neighborhood Services
4. Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Project and Program Updates — Howard Smith, CRA Executive Director
5. Budget Update FY 26-27 — Peter Lear, Deputy City Manager
6. Update regarding TPO Grant Proposal for Jackson Ave. Study — Billy Groover, Public Works 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

## 11. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of March 16, 2026 City Commission Regular Meeting minutes.
- b. Approval of City Commissioner absence(s) for March 16, 2026 excusal(s): None
- c. Consideration and approval of the Interlocal Agreement between Grady Judd, Sheriff of Polk County, and the City of Bartow for sharing Information Technology Services and NCIC/FCIC.
- d. Consideration and approval to authorize staff to enter into a contract with Henkleman Construction for the TCS Building.
- e. Consideration and approval Vogel Bros Building Co. Contract Change Order No. 010 relating to the Wastewater Plant Expansion project.
- f. Consideration and approval to install 3 to 5 mature live oak trees parallel to and west of Hole 8 at the Bartow Golf Course for safety enhancement.
- g. Approval of February 13, 2026 CRA and City Commission Joint Meeting minutes.

## 12. OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

a. OLD BUSINESS

b. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Bartow and Keep Polk County Beautiful, Inc., supporting the Adopt-A-Road Program.

13. RESOLUTIONS

- a. RESOLUTION NO. 26-4259-R – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BARTOW TO ACCEPT FOR MAINTENANCE THE IMPROVEMENTS DEDICATED TO THE PUBLIC IN THE GROVE AT STUART CROSSING - PHASES 2A, 2B & 3, PB 216, PGS 31 THRU 41, PUBLIC RECORDS OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA
- b. RESOLUTION NO. 26-4260-R - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA; ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF BARTOW CODE COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM, TO BE KNOWN AS THE "ANGEL FUND"; PROVIDING FOR THE PROGRAM'S PURPOSE, OBJECTIVES, ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, AND ADMINISTRATION; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM AND TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR 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) 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 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 April 1, 2026.