



CITY OF BARTOW  
**CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**  
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 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 Missy Turbeville, First United Methodist Church
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
4. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
  - a. Issuance of a proclamation recognizing April 2026 as Water Conservation Month. Being accepted by Amanda Simat, Government Affairs Regional Manager, Southwest Florida Water Management District.
  - b. Issuance of a proclamation recognizing April 22, 2026 as Linda Holcomb Day. Being accepted by Linda Holcomb, Bartow Main Street Executive Director.
  - c. Issuance of a proclamation recognizing April 26, 2026 as Equal Shared Parenting Day. Being accepted by Danica Dockery of Kids Need Both, Inc. and Sierra Morris of Bridge the GAPP Foundation, Inc.
  - d. Issuance of a proclamation recognizing April 20–24, 2026, as Home Visiting Week. Being accepted by Corey Clark and Austin Butler, the Fatherhood Team at Healthy Start Coalition of Hardee, Highlands, and Polk Counties.
  - e. Issuance of a proclamation recognizing April 24, 2026 as Tree City USA / Arbor Day. Being accepted by Kyle Lasek, Asst. PRCA Director, and Parks & Recreation staff.
  - f. Opportunity Zone Update — Elle Withall, BEDC Executive Director and Howard Smith, CRA 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. Update on Power Cost Adjustment Limits — Peter Lear, Deputy City Manager
2. Parks Master Plan Update and Community Meeting — Jason Hargrove, PRCA Director
3. Library Story Trail Update — Jason Hargrove, PRCA Director
4. Status of Cleaner Safer Neighborhoods Initiative — Tray Towles, Director, Office of Code Compliance & Neighborhood Services.
5. Update on Code Compliance Enforcement Actions — Tray Towles, Director, Office of Code Compliance & Neighborhood Services.
6. Process improvements for improving customer service — Tray Towles, Director, Office of Code Compliance & Neighborhood Services.

### b. City Attorney Communications

1. Presentation of Election Results as certified by the City of Bartow Canvassing Board.

### 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. 26-4261-R - A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF BARTOW.

## 11. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of April 6, 2026 City Commission Regular Meeting minutes.
- b. Approval of February 11, 2026 Recreation Advisory Board and City Commission Joint Meeting minutes.
- c. Approval to reappoint Board Member Michael Bryant to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a three-year term ending February 2029.
- d. Approval and Acceptance of Drainage Easements (2) for J.K. Stuart Boulevard/Stuart Crossing Development.

e. Approval of Commissioner absence(s) for April 6, 2026: None

12. OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

a. OLD BUSINESS

b. NEW BUSINESS

1. Determination of procedure to appoint two (2) new members the Beautification Advisory Board for three-year terms ending in June 2029.

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 April 16, 2026.