



CITY OF BARTOW
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026 AT 6:00 P.M. (EST)
OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
450 N. WILSON AVE., BARTOW, FL 33830

AMENDED AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. INVOCATION – Bishop Anthony Roberts, New Beginnings Church
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
4. OATH OF OFFICE AND PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION
 - a. City Attorney Parker will officiate, and Pastor Adam Mayfield of Church for the One will administer the Oath of Office to Commissioner Gary Ball, Seat 4, At-Large District.
 - b. City Attorney Parker will officiate, and Senior Pastor Don'Tavius L. Sanders of St. James AME Church will administer the Oath of Office to Commissioner Leo E. Longworth, Seat 5, East District.
5. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
 - a. Smith Lane Joint Fire Station Update Presentation – Keith Tate, Polk County Facilities Management Director.
 - b. Issuance of proclamation recognizing May 6-12, 2026 as Nurses Week. Being accepted by Kristin Williams, RN CN II, Same Day Surgery at Bartow Regional Medical Center.
 - c. Issuance of proclamation recognizing May 11-16, 2026 as National Police Week. Being accepted by Police Chief Stephen Walker, BPD Police Officers & BPD Citizen Advisory Committee Members.
 - d. Issuance of proclamation recognizing May 2026 as Community Action Month. Being accepted by Albert Miller, Community Services & Economic Development Division Director, Agricultural and Labor Program, Inc. (ALPI).
 - e. Issuance of proclamation recognizing May 2026 as Teen Pregnancy Prevention Awareness Month. Being accepted by Tiara Merricks, Teen Pregnancy Prevention Alliance Coordinator, Healthy Start Coalition of Hardee, Highlands & Polk Counties, Inc.

- f. Issuance of proclamation recognizing May 2026 as Aviation Appreciation Month. Being accepted by Bartow Airport Executive Director John Helms and staff.
 - g. Issuance of proclamation recognizing May 17-23, 2026 as Public Works Week. Being accepted by Public Works Director Billy Groover and staff.
 - h. Issuance of proclamation recognizing May 3-9, 2026 as Municipal Clerk's Week. Being accepted by City Clerk Jacqueline Poole and staff.
 - i. Issuance of proclamation recognizing May 2026 as Historic Preservation Month. Being accepted by Denise Bohde, Polk County Historical Association Board of Directors.
6. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – At this time, the Commission will receive comments from the public regarding matters not appearing on this agenda.
7. CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS
8. REPORTS OF CHARTER OFFICERS
- a. City Manager Communications
 - 1. Engineering and Planning Services Agreement with Patel Greene – John Hall, Asst. City Manager
 - 2. Bartow Police Department's Social Media Strategies 2026 – Chief Walker & BPD Team
 - b. City Attorney Communications
 - c. Legislative updates
9. AGENDA MODIFICATION/APPROVAL
10. 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.
11. HEARINGS – FIRST AND SECOND READINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE
12. CONSENT AGENDA
- a. Approval of April 20, 2026 City Commission Regular Meeting minutes.
 - b. Approval to renew Duke Energy Florida LLC non-exclusive Electric Franchise Agreement for a ten-year term.
 - c. Approval to appoint Yolanda Floyd to the Beautification Advisory Board with a term ending May 2029. Recommendation being made by Commissioner Pfeiffer.
 - d. Approval of City Commissioner absence(s) for April 20, 2026 excusal(s): None

13. OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

- a. OLD BUSINESS – NONE
- b. NEW BUSINESS – NONE

14. RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolution No. 26-4262-R – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA, APPOINTING PRIMARY AND ALTERNATE DIRECTORS TO THE POLK REGIONAL WATER COOPERATIVE (PRWC) BOARD OF DIRECTORS; ESTABLISHING THE TERM OF THE APPOINTMENT; PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION OF THIS RESOLUTION TO PRWC; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

15. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- a. GARY BALL
- b. LEO E. LONGWORTH
- c. TRISH PFEIFFER
- d. LAURA SIMPSON
- e. TANYA TUCKER

16. 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 on April 30, 2026.