



CITY OF BARTOW  
**CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**  
MONDAY, MAY 18, 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

**AGENDA**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. INVOCATION – Pastor Jesse Maxwell, Bible Baptist Church of Bartow
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
4. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
  - a. Recognition of Mayor’s Art Club Award Recipients – Peyton Pawley and Lilly Prince.
  - b. Issuance of proclamation recognizing May 21-25, 2026 as the 63rd Annual Sheriffs Youth Villa Classic Golf Tournament. Being accepted by Committee Members of the Sheriffs Youth Villa Classic Golf Tournament.
  - c. Issuance of proclamation recognizing May 20, 2026 as Emancipation Day in Florida. Being accepted by Ms. Zelma Harris, Juneteenth Committee Co-Chairperson.
  - d. Issuance of proclamation recognizing May 2026 as National Pet Month. Being accepted by Jessica Ball with “Maggie Sue” of Hounds Downtown and Linda Holcomb with “Teddy”.
  - e. Issuance of proclamation recognizing May 2026 as National Bike Month. Being accepted by Commissioner Trish Pfeiffer and Bob Pfeiffer.
  - f. Issuance of a proclamation recognizing May 2026 as Teacher Appreciation Month. Being accepted by Principal Nadia Lewis, Assistant Principal Alatheia Towles and faculty of James E. Stephens Elementary School.
  - g. Presentation of May 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. FY 26-27 Non-Profit and Community Partner Funding Update – Mike Herr, City Manager and Peter Lear, Deputy City Manager
2. Bartow Police Department Recruiting Strategies – Stephen Walker, Chief of Police
3. Presentation of Summer Library Programs – Christine Hielscher, City Librarian
4. Update on Parks & Recreation Projects – Kyle Lasek, PRCA Asst. Director
5. Update on Bartow Bash Summer Program – Gwen Young, Recreation Program Supervisor.

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. First reading and consideration of Ordinance No 2026-04 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA, RELATING TO ELECTIONS AND THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF CITY COMMISSIONERS; AMENDING SECTION 34-2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; ESTABLISHING DATES FOR THE QUALIFYING PERIOD FOR THE ELECTION OF CITY COMMISSIONERS; EXTENDING THE CURRENT TERMS OF OFFICE OF SITTING COMMISSIONERS TO CORRESPOND WITH RECENT AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CHARTER; 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 May 4, 2026 City Commission Regular Meeting minutes.
- b. Approval of May 4, 2026 City Commission Workshop minutes. (PRWC Update)
- c. Approval of May 4, 2026 Mayor’s Art Club Student Art Reception minutes.
- d. Approval of City Staffing Reorganization Plan.
- e. Approval of City Commissioner absence(s) for May 4, 2026 excusal(s): None

#### 12. OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

- a. OLD BUSINESS – NONE

- b. NEW BUSINESS – NONE

### 13. RESOLUTIONS

- a. RESOLUTION NO 26-4263-R – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF BARTOW TO SELL OR DISPOSE OF SURPLUS OR OBSOLETE VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT.

### 14. ATTORNEY/CLIENT SESSION

- a. AN ATTORNEY/CLIENT SESSION OF THE CITY COMMISSION WILL BE HELD PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES 286.011(8). THIS IS A CLOSED SESSION.

### 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 May 14, 2026.