



City of Bartow

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CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 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 Rob Sowell, Word of Life Christian Center
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
4. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
 - a. Issuance of proclamation recognizing June 19, 2026, as Juneteenth Day. Being accepted by Juneteenth Empowerment Committee Co-Chairpersons Zelma Harris and Jamie Gaskins.
 - b. Lakeland Area Mass Transit (Citrus Connection) Update of Ridership Data and Information – Erin Killebrew, Director of External Affairs.
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. Community Redevelopment Agency Small Business Development – Howard Smith, CRA Executive Director
 2. Discuss meeting date for deciding governance of the Bartow Community Redevelopment Agency
 3. Hurricane Preparedness Messaging – Jay Robinson, Fire Chief
 4. Quarterly Report – Jay Robinson, Fire Chief
 5. Quarterly Report – Stephen Walker, Police Chief
 6. Communications Update – Laurie Hayes, Communications Director
 7. 4th of July Presentation – Brittany Saum, PRCA Recreation Specialist

8. City Leadership and Faith-Based Community Luncheon – Pam Sams, Director of Community Affairs & Special Projects

b. City Attorney Communications

c. Legislative updates – Discuss Status of Appropriations

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 - RESOLUTION NO. 26-4264-R – A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF BARTOW.

b. Public hearing and final reading 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.

c. Public hearing and final reading 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 18, 2026, City Commission Regular Meeting minutes.

b. Approval of City Commissioner absence(s) for May 18, 2026, excusal(s): Commissioner Leo E. Longworth

12. OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

a. OLD BUSINESS – NONE

b. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval to execute the Mural Agreement and Funding Memorandum.

2. Consideration and approval of contract to acquire the building at 195 South Broadway Ave., Bartow, FL.

13. RESOLUTIONS

- a. RESOLUTION NO. 26-4265-R – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA, RELATING TO EAST MAIN STREET RAILROAD CROSSING SIGNAL SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS; AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO ENTER INTO A TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC., FOR THE INSTALLATION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES RELATED TO THE GRAD CROSSING TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS AND/OR OTHER DEVICES AS PART OF THE EAST MAIN STREET RAILROAD CROSSING SIGNAL SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS; FINANCIAL PROJECT NO.: 451353-1-57-01; 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 on May 28, 2026.