



City of Bartow

CITY OF BARTOW

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 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 – Pastor Brian MacDonald, Oak City Church
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
4. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
 - a. Community Engagement with City of Bartow Residents & Neighborhoods Presentation – Chandra Frederick, ACF Solutions and Tray Towles, Asst. City Manager of Community Development & Neighborhood Services.
 - b. Issuance of a proclamation recognizing the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America. Being accepted by representatives of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Bartow Chapter, Tammy Putnam and Peggy McDonald.
 - c. Issuance of a proclamation recognizing 2025 Fourth of July Celebration. Being accepted by Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts (PRCA) Director Hargrove and members of the Recreation Advisory Committee and the Beautification Advisory Board.
 - d. Issuance of a proclamation recognizing June 23-27, 2026 as Boys & Girls Clubs Week. Being accepted by Alex Lindsay, Joe L. Saunders Club Unit Director for Boys & Girls Club of Polk County.
 - e. Presentation of June 2026 Beautification Awards – Kyle Lasek, PRCA Asst. Director
 - f. Gino Miles Sculpture – Jason Hargrove, PRCA 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. Impacts of Property Tax Bill Updated – Peter Lear, Deputy City Manager

2. Introduction of Assistant Planning Director – Charlotte Ganas-Rodriguez
3. Filling of the inground pool at Bartow Civic Center – Jason Hargrove, PRCA Director
4. Draft of New Utility Bill – Shaun Gelissen, Customer Service Manager

- 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. Public hearing and final reading of Ordinance No. 2025-24 - AN ORDINANCE OF BARTOW, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE TEXT AND MAPS OF THE BARTOW COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONSISTENT WITH THE 2024 EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL (EAR) LETTER; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL TO FLORIDA COMMERCE FOR REVIEW AND COMPLIANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of June 1, 2026 City Commission Regular Meeting minutes.
- b. Approval of suspending provisions from Section 42-92 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bartow to permit fireworks on the 4th of July, limited to the professional display by the City of Bartow.
- c. Approval of appointing Jennifer Collins to the Citizens' Advisory Committee to fill a vacancy, with the term ending in September 2028. Recommendation being made by Commissioner Pfeiffer.
- d. Approval of appointing Eric Wells to the Municipal Police Officers Retirement Trust Fund Board of Trustees to fill a vacancy, with the term ending in December 2027. Recommendation being made by Commissioner Pfeiffer.
- e. Approval of City Commissioner absence(s) for June 1, 2026 excusal(s): Commissioner Leo E. Longworth.

12. OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

- a. OLD BUSINESS – NONE

b. NEW BUSINESS

1. Review and discuss mural renderings for public restrooms – Howard Smith, CRA Director.
2. Declaration of 1527 Gay Street, Bartow as surplus real property and establishing the terms and process for the disposition of the same.

13. RESOLUTIONS – NONE

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 June 11, 12 & 15, 2026.