



CITY OF BARTOW  
**CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M. (EST)  
OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE  
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 450 NORTH 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. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
  - a. Issuance of proclamation recognizing the 12th Annual SyFy Bartow event, February 15, 2025. Being accepted by event hosts Sean and Lori Serdynski.
  - b. Issuance of proclamation recognizing February 2025 as Black History Month and honoring James L. “Cowboy” Camp as the Black History Month Champion for 2025. Being accepted by James L. “Cowboy” Camp.
  - c. Issuance of proclamation recognizing the 25th Annual L.B. Brown Heritage Festival, February 8-9, 2025. Being accepted by Neighborhood Improvement Corporation of Bartow, Inc. Chairperson Gloria Northern McCoy and Board Members Juanita Warner, Garry Crosby, Chuck Warren, Patricia Smith Fields, Lisa Link and Clifton Lewis.
  - d. Issuance of proclamation recognizing February 26, 2025 as Gow Fields Day. Being accepted by Caryn Ruth, FDOT Black History Month Recognition Representative.
  - e. Presentation of Service Award to I.T. Director Frank Canovaca for 15 Years of Service to the Citizens of Bartow, Florida.
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. Bartow Public Library Black History Month Programs
    2. Jackson Avenue Community Meeting
    3. Discuss CFRPC Helene & Milton Post – Hurricane Impacts Listening Session. Jennifer Codo -Salisbury / Fire Chief Jay Robinson.

- 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 adopting of Resolution No. 25-4214-R – A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF BARTOW.

#### 11. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of January 21, 2025 City Commission Regular Meeting minutes.
- b. Approval of December 16, 2024 CRA and City Commission Joint Meeting minutes.
- c. Approval of City Commissioner absence(s) for January 21, 2025 excusal(s): None.

#### 12. OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

- a. OLD BUSINESS – NONE
- b. NEW BUSINESS
  - 1. Discuss joint project agreement between Polk County Fire / Rescue and City of Bartow for funding a new fire station on the west side of US 98 North. Fire Chief Robinson / Peter Lear, CFO.

#### 13. RESOLUTIONS – NONE

#### 14. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

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

#### 15. ADJOURNMENT

Please be advised that if you desire to appeal from 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 January 30 & 31, 2025.