



CITY OF BARTOW
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M. (EST)
OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 450 NORTH WILSON AVE., BARTOW, FL 33830

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. INVOCATION – Rev. Barry Gray, First Presbyterian Church
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
4. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
 - a. Issuance of proclamation recognizing Polk County Agri-Fest Weeks as March 3-7 and March 10-14, 2025. Being accepted by Polk County Farm Bureau Executive Director Carole McKenzie and Program Coordinator Sarah Waldman.
 - b. Issuance of proclamation recognizing the 54th Annual Bloomin’ Arts Festival, March 1-2, 2025. Being accepted by Bloomin’ Arts Co-Chairpersons, Michell Githens and Lara Frederickson.
 - c. Issuance of proclamation recognizing the Community Redevelopment Agency Heritage Gallery Pole Banner Project and celebrating those recognized as Achievers.
 - d. Presentation by Lyannah Hargrove – “Hey Black Child” poem by Countee Cullen.
 - e. Presentation by Arianna Taylor – “Portray of Harriet Tubman” poem by Eloise Greenfield.
 - f. Community Branding / Fort Fraser Trail Presentation by Jeff Clark.
 - g. Presentation of the Electric Rate Executive Summary by Craig Shepard, Principal Analyst, Leidos Engineering, LLC.
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. US 17 / Wabash Ave.
 2. Becker & Poliakoff consulting services agreement for Federal Advocacy.

- 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. 2025-01 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA; SAID AMENDMENT BEING KNOWN AS “AMENDMENT NO. CPA-24-07-LS”; SPECIFICALLY TO CHANGE THOSE PARCELS OF LAND OWNED BY NUSTAR ENTERPRISES, INC., FROM COMMERCIAL, LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL AND RECREATION & OPEN SPACE TO INDUSTRIAL AND CONSERVATION; AND AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT TO DELETE OBJECTIVE 2.8; TRANSMITTING SAID AMENDMENT TO THE FLORIDACOMMERCE DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR A FINDING OF COMPLIANCE; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER’S ERROR; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE UPON FINAL PASSAGE.
- b. Public hearing and final reading of Ordinance No 2025-02 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA, REZONING APPROXIMATELY 176.2 ACRES OF LAND OWNED BY NUSTAR ENTERPRISES, INC., AND LOCATED IN SECTIONS 1 AND 12, TOWNSHIP 30 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA, FROM PD, PLANNED DEVELOPMENT TO I-2, HEAVY INDUSTRIAL AND CONSERVATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER’S ERROR; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE UPON FINAL PASSAGE.
- c. First reading and consideration of Ordinance No. 2025-04 – AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ELECTRIC RATES AND THE POWER COST ADJUSTMENT CALCULATION; MAKING FACTUAL FINDINGS IN SUPPORT THEREOF; AMENDING §78-151 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BARTOW TO ADJUST ELECTRIC RATES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, THE ADMINISTRATIVE CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER'S ERRORS AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of February 3, 2025 City Commission Regular Meeting minutes.
- b. Approval to reappoint Planning Commissioner Keith Miller to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a three-year term ending February 2028.
- c. Approval to reappoint Committee Member Wes Harbin to the Citizens Advisory Committee for a three-year term ending September 2027.

- d. Approval Vogel Bros Building Co. Contract Change Order No. 009 relating to the Wastewater Plant Expansion project.
- e. Approval of Temporary Construction Easement and Permanent Easement for Polk Regional Water Cooperative (PRWC) pipeline/Bartow Water Plant location.
- f. Approval of City Commissioner absence(s) for February 3, 2025 excusal(s): None.

12. OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

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

- 1. Approval of staff request to apply for and the use of the FY 2024-2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$201,413.

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 and Facebook page on February 13, 2025.