



CITY OF BARTOW
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025 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. Issuance of proclamation recognizing May 2025 as National Pet Month. Being accepted by The Polk County Bully Project Animal Rescue Representatives Angela Lorio & Shannon Medina.
 - b. Issuance of proclamation recognizing May 19-23, 2025 as Just Say No Week. Being accepted by Just Say No Committee Member Ernie Cooper.
 - c. Issuance of proclamation recognizing May 23-26, 2025 as the 62nd Annual Sheriffs Youth Villa Classic Golf Tournament. Being accepted by Committee Members of the Sheriffs Youth Villa Classic Golf Tournament.
 - d. Issuance of proclamation recognizing May 20, 2025 as Emancipation in Florida. Being accepted by Ms. Zelma Harris, Juneteenth Committee Co-Chairperson.
 - e. Issuance of proclamation recognizing May 2025 as National Bike Month. Being accepted by Jason Brown or Road & Trail Bicycles and Linda Holcomb, Executive Director of Main Street Bartow.
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. Update on protecting Wastewater Treatment Facilities from flooding – Dr. Jim Chastain
 2. Update on the use of fluoride in the City of Bartow's public water system
 3. Update on city sewer lining project FY 2024-2025 – Public Works Director Billy Groover

4. Conservation Project Agreement – Deputy City Manager David Wright

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. 2025-09 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA AMENDING THE CITY OF BARTOW MUNICIPAL FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT TRUST FUND, AS PREVIOUSLY RESTATED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2010-08, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCES NO. 2013-10, 2020-13 and 2023-12, CREATING A DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN ("DROP"); CHANGING THE NORMAL RETIREMENT AGE AND DATE; CHANGING THE AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY THE MEMBERS; CHANGING THE VESTING SCHEDULE; CHANGING REEMPLOYMENT AFTER RETIREMENT; CHANGING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of May 5, 2025 City Commission Regular Meeting minutes.

b. Approval of May 5, 2025 Mayor's Art Club Reception minutes.

c. Acceptance and Approval of Warranty Deed from Minnie (Coney) Missouri for 50% interest in the Palm Cemetery

d. Approval of City Commissioner absence(s) for May 5, 2025 excusal(s): None.

12. OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

a. OLD BUSINESS – NONE

b. NEW BUSINESS

1. Annual Commission Reorganization Procedures

a. Review the City of Bartow Roster of Appointees and Assignments for additions, modifications and deletions.

b. Mayor to make Commissioners committee and board assignments.

- c. Schedule proposed community “Town Hall” meeting dates.
- d. Review proposed joint meeting dates for qualified boards and committees.
- e. Review of City Commission Policies and Procedures

13. RESOLUTIONS

- a. RESOLUTION NO. 25-4224-R – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA RELATING TO MEDIAN AND RIGHT OF WAY MAINTENANCE ALONG FDOT RIGHTS OF WAY, MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BEI14; AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FUNDING OF THE PROJECT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
- b. Resolution No. 25-4225-R – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A PROMISSORY NOTE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,000,000 TO SECURE A LOAN FROM THE FLORIDA MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE COST OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY'S ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND TO PAY COSTS OF SUCH LOAN; APPROVING THE FORM OF A PROMISSORY NOTE AND A LOAN AGREEMENT; DELEGATING TO CERTAIN OFFICIALS OF THE CITY TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS AND TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE ANY ACTIONS REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF SAID LOAN; PROVIDING OTHER DETAILS WITH RESPECT THERETO; AND PROVIDING 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 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 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: www.cityofbartow.net and Facebook page on May 16, 2025.