



CITY OF BARTOW
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2025, AT 6:00 P.M. (EST)
OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE
CITY HALL, COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 450 N. WILSON AVE., BARTOW, FL 33830

AMENDED 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 August 26, 2025 as Bartow Lineworkers Appreciation Day. Being accepted by Director of Electric Utilities, Michael Poucher and Lineworker Advocate Tracy Moore.
 - b. Issuance of proclamation recognizing August 17-23, 2025 as Bartow Nonprofit Week. Being accepted by Bartow Community Service Center Executive Director Rusty Music.
 - c. Recognizing and honoring Bright Ideas award recipients – Wiley Pratt, Courtney Stevenson, Brandon Altman and Jennifer Noe.
 - d. Presentation by Purvis Gray & Company of the 2023-2024 Audited Financial Statements.
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. Discuss 2026 City of Bartow Legislative Priorities – City Manager Herr
 2. Discuss replacement of Department issued Sig/Sauer P320 Handguns due to safety concerns – Police Chief Stephen Walker
 3. Axon Body Camera and In-car Camera presentation – Rachel Gershenson, Axon Rep.
 - 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 – NONE

11. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of August 4, 2025, City Commission Regular Meeting minutes.
- b. Approval to authorize the City of Bartow, FL to enter an agreement with Carahsoft Technology Corporation for OpenGov Financial Management, Procurement and Utility Billing.
- c. Approval to accept the 2023-2024 Audited Financial Statements as presented by Purvis Gray and Company for the City of Bartow and the Bartow Community Redevelopment Agency.
- d. Approval of City Commissioner absence(s) for August 4, 2025 excusal(s): None.

12. OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

- a. OLD BUSINESS – NONE
- b. NEW BUSINESS
 - 1. Determination of procedure for reappointing current CRA Board Members or selecting new appointees for two upcoming vacancies.
 - 2. Determination of procedure to appoint a new member to the Recreation Advisory Committee to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Board Member Sam McBroom.
 - 3. Consideration to conduct formal evaluations of appointed officials and review the evaluation forms.

13. RESOLUTIONS

- a. RESOLUTION NO. 25-4234-R – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA RELATING TO LEASING-PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH LEASING 2, INC. FOR ACQUISITION OF PIERCE FIRE TRUCK; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, CITY MANAGER, CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY CLERK TO TAKE WHATEVER ADMINISTRATIVE ACTS ARE NECESSARY OR REQUIRED IN ORDER TO FINALIZE AND EXECUTE SUCH AGREEMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- b. RESOLUTION NO. 25-4240-R – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA RELATING TO FORT FRASER TRAIL PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE, PROJECT NUMBER 440272-1-52-01/02; AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO ENTER INTO A POST-PROJECT MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE LONG-TERM MAINTENANCE VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS DETAILED THEREIN; 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 at times if deemed 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 August 14 AND August 15, 2025.