



CITY OF BARTOW
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 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 – Bishop Anthony Roberts, New Beginnings Church
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
4. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
 - a. Issuance of proclamation recognizing Polk County Royals Men’s Professional Basketball Team. Being accepted by Team Owner Amy Rhodes, players and coaches.
 - b. Issuance of proclamation recognizing September 15 through October 15, 2025 as National Hispanic Heritage Month.
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. TCS Building Wellhead Protection Zone
 2. Employer of Choice Initiative Update – Asst. City Manager Tracy Miller
 3. Update on current Parks Capital Projects
 - 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 adoption of Resolution No. 25-4242-R – A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE STUART CROSSINGS PLANNED DEVELOPMENT LAND USE PLAN TO 1) CHANGE THE APPROVED LAND USE PLAN TO MODIFY FAR AND BUILDING HEIGHT STANDARDS, ADD LOT DETAILS AND NOTES FOR ALTERNATIVE STANDARDS; AND 2) MODIFY CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL 4, 5 & 6 TO ADDRESS CHANGES TO PARCELS E, F & G. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY J.K STUART PROPERTIES, LLC, ET. AL. AND IS LOCATED TO THE EAST OF US HIGHWAY 98 NORTH AND BARTOW MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, NORTH OF OLD BARTOW / EAGLE LAKE ROAD IN SECTIONS 29, 30, 31, 32, TOWNSHIP 29 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, POLK COUNTY, FL.
- b. PUBLIC HEARING, ADOPTION OF FINAL MILLAGE RATE AND FINAL BUDGET
 1. Convene Public Hearing
 2. Introduction – City Manager Herr
 3. Discussion and Comment
 - a. Adopted Tentative Millage Rate
 - b. Adopted Tentative Budget
 4. Amendment(s) of Adopted Tentative Budget (if any)
 5. Re-computation of Adopted Tentative Millage Rate (if any)
 6. Statutory Millage Disclosure (Sec. 200.065(2)(d) F.S.)
 7. Adoption of Final Millage Rate - Resolution No. 25-4243-R – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A FINAL GENERAL MILLAGE RATE FOR THE 2025 TAX YEAR, DECLARING THE PERCENT BY WHICH SAID MILLAGE RATE EXCEEDS THE ROLLED-BACK RATE; CHARACTERIZING SAID PERCENT AS THE PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
 8. Adoption of Final Budget – Resolution No. 25-4244-R – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE 2026 FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING THAT A COPY OF SAID BUDGET SHALL BE FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
 9. Adjourn Public Hearing.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of September 3, 2025 City Commission Regular Meeting minutes.
- b. Acceptance of FY 25-26 Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Annual Budget.

- c. Approval of City Employee Personnel Manual.
- d. Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local Union No. 79.
- e. Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT), District Council No. 78.
- f. Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Florida State Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 199.
- g. Approval of engagement letter with Purvis Gray & Co. for Independent Auditing Services.
- h. Approval of reappointing Committee Member Robin Riggio to the Citizens' Advisory Committee for a three-year term ending September 2028.
- i. Approval to appoint Robert Fowler to the Citizens' Advisory Committee to fill the remainder of a three-year term ending September 2027.
- j. Consideration and Approval of Continuing Contracts for Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Services – Rodda and SEMCO.
- k. Consideration and Approval of Contract for Downtown Maintenance Program with XTREMELY Clean Janitorial Services.
- l. Approval of City Commissioner absence(s) for September 3, 2025 excusal(s): None.

12. OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

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

- 1. Approval of Contract to purchase 10 acres on 80 Ft. Road for new electric substation.

13. RESOLUTIONS

- a. RESOLUTION NO. 25-4245-R – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA RELATING TO THE DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS TANGIBLE PROPERTY; DECLARING ONE (1) 9-YEAR-OLD BROWN AND BLACK MALE BELGIAN MALINOIS K-9 DOG KNOWN AS “FALCO,” OWNED BY THE CITY OF BARTOW, TO BE SURPLUS TANGIBLE PROPERTY; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DISPOSE OF SAID SURPLUS TANGIBLE PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
- b. RESOLUTION NO. 25-4246-R – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA RELATING TO THE DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS TANGIBLE PROPERTY; DECLARING ONE (1) 2-YEAR-OLD BROWN AND BLACK MALE BELGIAN MALINOIS/SHEPHERD MIX K-9 DOG KNOWN AS “EDDIE,” OWNED BY THE CITY OF BARTOW, TO BE SURPLUS TANGIBLE PROPERTY; AUTHORIZING

THE CITY MANAGER TO DISPOSE OF SAID SURPLUS TANGIBLE PROPERTY;
PROVIDING FOR 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 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 September 12, 2025.