



CITY OF BARTOW  
**CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025 AT 6:00 PM  
OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE  
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
450 N. WILSON AVE., BARTOW, FL 33830

**AGENDA**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2. INVOCATION
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
4. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
  - a. Issuance of a proclamation recognizing November 29, 2025 as Small Business Saturday. Being accepted by Bartow Christy Byers with Unfiltered Coffee House and Jessica Ball with Hounds Downtown.
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 Historic Route 60 — Scenic Highway Designation — Rob Kincart and Darryl Richard
    2. Update on Red Light Camera Program — Police Cpt. Luke Hauser
    3. Update on FY 25-26 Street Resurfacing Program — Billy Groover, Public Works Director
  - 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. 2025-10 — AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, AMENDING THE CITY OF BARTOW MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS' RETIREMENT TRUST FUND, AS PREVIOUSLY RESTATED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2010-09, AND AS LATER AMENDED BY ORDINANCES NO. 2013-09, 2020-12 AND 2024-30, RESPECTIVELY, AMENDING SECTION 26,“ DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN”, BY AMENDING 2.C THEREOF, BY EXTENDING THE TERM OF PARTICIPATION IN THE DROP FROM 60 MONTHS TO 96 MONTHS, PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
- b. First reading and consideration of Ordinance No. 2025-17 - AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING UPON THE PETITION OF THE OWNERS THEREOF APPROXIMATELY 369.3 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF HIGHWAY 60 EAST; SOUTH SIDE OF GERBER DAIRY ROAD; AND 3,600' WEST OF RIFLE RANGE ROAD IN SECTIONS 29 THRU 32, TOWNSHIP 29S, RANGE 26E, POLK COUNTY FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERROR; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE UPON FINAL PASSAGE.
- c. First reading and **PUBLIC HEARING** of Ordinance No. 2025-18 — AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA; SAID AMENDMENT BEING KNOWN AS “AMENDMENT NO. CPA-25-01-LS – EMILIE EAST”; SPECIFICALLY ASSIGNING LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL LAND USE TO RECENTLY ANNEXED PARCELS OWNED BY SMITH GERBER, LLC; TRANSMITTING SAID AMENDMENT TO 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.
- d. First reading and consideration of Ordinance No. 2025-19 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA, ZONING APPROXIMATELY 369.3 ACRES OF LAND OWNED BY SMITH GERBER, LLC AND LOCATED IN SECTIONS 29 THRU 32, TOWNSHIP 29S, RANGE 26E, POLK COUNTY FLORIDA, AS PD, PLANNED DEVELOPMENT; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERROR; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE UPON FINAL PASSAGE.
- e. First reading and **PUBLIC HEARING** of Ordinance No. 2025-21 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA; SAID AMENDMENT BEING KNOWN AS “AMENDMENT NO. CPA-25-02-LS – EMILIE WEST”;

SPECIFICALLY TO CHANGE THOSE PARCELS OF LAND OWNED BY CLEAR SPRINGS LAND COMPANY, LLC., FROM CLEAR SPRINGS PLANNED INDUSTRIAL TO CLEAR SPRINGS RESIDENTIAL; 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.

- f. First reading and consideration of Ordinance No. 2025-22 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA, ZONING APPROXIMATELY 556 ACRES OF LAND OWNED BY CLEAR SPRINGS LAND COMPANY, LLC AND LOCATED IN SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 29S, RANGE 25E AND SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 29S, RANGE 26E, POLK COUNTY FLORIDA, AS PD, PLANNED DEVELOPMENT; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERROR; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE UPON FINAL PASSAGE.
- g. First reading and **PUBLIC HEARING** of Ordinance No. 2025-23 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA; SAID AMENDMENT BEING KNOWN AS “AMENDMENT #CPA-25-03-TEXT”; SPECIFICALLY TO AMEND POLICY 3.2.7 AND 3.3.38 OF THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT TO: 1) EXTEND THE BUILDOUT YEAR OF THE CLEAR SPRINGS SECTOR PLAN DETAIL SPECIFIC AREA PLAN #1; 2) INCORPORATE THE CLEAR SPRINGS LAND USE EQUIVALENCY MATRIX; AND 3) ALLOW RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES (SOLAR POWER) IN ALL CLEAR SPRINGS LAND USE DESIGNATIONS; TRANSMITTING SAID AMENDMENT TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY (DEO) FOR A FINDING OF COMPLIANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERROR; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE UPON FINAL PASSAGE.

## 11. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of November 3, 2025 City Commission Regular Meeting minutes.
- b. Approval of June 27, 2025 City Commission Special Meeting minutes (nonprofit presentations).
- c. Approval of City Commissioner absence(s) for November 3, 2025 excusal(s): Commissioner Leo E. Longworth
- d. Consideration and approval, authorizing staff to enter contract negotiations with The Fishel Company d/b/a Team Fishel for Power Distribution Construction Crew.

## 12. OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

- a. OLD BUSINESS
- b. NEW BUSINESS

13. RESOLUTIONS

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 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](http://www.cityofbartow.net) and Facebook page on November 13, 2025.