



CITY OF BARTOW
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 3, 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. Jerome Davis, St. Johns Missionary Baptist Church
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
4. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
 - a. Issuance of proclamation recognizing March 2025 as American Red Cross Month. Being accepted by Tina Sweeten. Executive Director, American Red Cross of Mid-Florida.
 - b. Issuance of proclamation recognizing March 2025 as Developmental Disability Awareness Month. Being accepted by Kelly Lane, Development Director. Achievement Academy, Inc.
 - c. Issuance of proclamation recognizing March 15, 2025 as the Blue Room Jazz Party Day and Museum Tour Day. Being accepted by Mr. Charles Luster, Founder, Luster African American Museum.
 - d. Issuance of proclamation recognizing March 17-21, 2025 as Government Finance Professionals Week. Being accepted by Peter Lear, City of Bartow Finance Director and Finance Staff.
 - e. Issuance of proclamation recognizing March 2025 as Procurement Month. Being accepted by Danielle Rose, City of Bartow Procurement Manager & Procurement Staff.
 - f. Issuance of proclamation recognizing March 2025 as Women's History Month. Being accepted by members of the City of Bartow staff.
 - g. Bartow Police Department Citizen Academy – Police Chief Stephen Walker.
 - h. Presentation of March 2025 Beautification Awards.
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. Golf Course Financials/Subsidy Report
 - 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. 2025-04 – 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.
 - b. First reading and consideration of Ordinance No. 2025-05 – AN ORDINANCE DISCONTINUING, CLOSING AND VACATING AN UNOPENED, PLATTED ALLEY EXTENDING BETWEEN LAUREL STREET AND MARTIN LUTHER KING JR BLVD; AND LYING BETWEEN LOTS 1, 4, 6 AND 8, BLOCK 2, TIER 7 AND LOTS 2, 3, 5 AND THE EAST ½ OF 7, BLOCK 2, TIER 7 ALL OF WHICH ARE PART OF SOUTH FLORIDA RR ADD, PB 1, PG 27, PUBLIC RECORDS OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA; REPEALING CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2024-21; PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE UPON FINAL PASSAGE.
11. CONSENT AGENDA
 - a. Approval of February 17, 2025 City Commission Regular Meeting minutes.
 - b. Approval of February 17, 2025 City Commission Workshop minutes. (Citizen Engagement)
 - c. Approval of February 18, 2025 City Commissioner Workshop minutes. (Fluoride)
 - d. Approval of January 8, 2025 Recreation Advisory Board and City Commission Joint Meeting minutes.
 - e. Approval of City Commissioner absence(s) for February 17, 2025 excusal(s): None.
12. OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS
 - a. OLD BUSINESS – NONE
 - b. NEW BUSINESS – NONE
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 27, 2025.