



CITY OF BARTOW  
**CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**  
MONDAY, APRIL 7, 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 – Bishop Willie Watson, Praise Temple Deliverance Church
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
4. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
  - a. Issuance of proclamation recognizing April 2025 as Water Conservation Month. Being accepted by Cindy Rodriguez, Sr. Government Affairs Regional Manager, Southwest Florida Water Management District.
  - b. Issuance of proclamation recognizing April 26, 2025 as Equal Shared Parenting Day. Being accepted by Danica Joann Dockery, Executive Director of Kids Need Both, Inc.
  - c. Issuance of proclamation recognizing April 2025 as Donate Life Month. Being accepted by LifeLink Foundation, Inc. Being accepted by Christine Daniels, Representative for LifeLink Foundation.
  - d. Issuance of proclamation recognizing April 13-19, 2025 as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week. Being accepted by Bartow Police Department Communications Supervisor Jane Casselman and Communications Staff.
  - e. Presentation of the April 2025 Beautification Awards.
  - f. Presentation on CRA's Augmented Reality (AR) Project, Howard Smith CRA Director.
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. Administrative Directive for Signing Bonuses
    2. Red Light Cameras Update - Police Chief Walker

3. Alturas Elementary School Teacher Appreciation Support
4. Introduction of new Customer Service Manager, Shaun Gelissen
5. Process for FY 2025-2026 Funding for Non-Profits, Community Events & Partners

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. 2025-05 – AN 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.
- b. First reading and consideration of Ordinance No. 2025-06 – AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING UPON THE PETITION OF THE OWNER THEREOF APPROXIMATELY 1.4 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF AND ADJACENT TO PROPERTY ADDRESSED AS 2912 OLD HOMELAND ROAD IN SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 30S, RANGE 25E, POLK COUNTY FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER’S ERROR; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE UPON FINAL PASSAGE.
- c. First reading and consideration of Ordinance No. 2025-07 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA; SAID AMENDMENT BEING KNOWN AS “AMENDMENT #CPA-25-05-SS”; SPECIFICALLY ASSIGNING LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL LAND USE TO RECENTLY ANNEXED PARCELS OWNED BY JANICE CRUZ; 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.
- d. First reading and consideration of Ordinance No.2025-08 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA, REZONING APPROXIMATELY 1.4 ACRES OF LAND OWNED BY JANICE CRUZ AND LOCATED IN SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 30 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS RE-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ESTATES; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER’S ERROR; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE UPON FINAL PASSAGE.

## 11. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of March 17, 2025 City Commission Regular Meeting minutes.
- b. Approval of February 20, 2025 City Commission and Planning & Zoning Commission Joint Meeting minutes.
- c. Acceptance and Approval of Warranty Deed for conveyance of parcel adjacent to Lift Station #8 and the Odom Substation from the Nora Mae Hebb Revocable Living Trust to the City of Bartow.
- d. Acceptance and Approval of County Deed from Polk County for Polk County/Lakeland/Bartow Water Interconnect Site.
- e. Approval of City Commissioner absence(s) for March 17, 2025 excusal(s): None.

## 12. OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

- a. OLD BUSINESS – NONE
- b. NEW BUSINESS
  1. Consideration of request from Bartow Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, to erect a historical plaque recognizing Spessard Holland in Veterans Walk.
  2. Consideration and approval of Application No. S-24-20-PSP - James Property (Phase 2) Preliminary Subdivision Plat, an 82 lot, single family residential development. The Phase 2 area consists of 27 acres (+/-) of the overall project which is 107.9 acres (+/-) in size. The property is owned by GE Investments of Polk, LLC, and is located on the east side of E.F. Griffin Road; ¼ mile north of Lyle Parkway Section 36, Township 29S, Range 24E, Polk County Florida.

## 13. RESOLUTIONS

- a. RESOLUTION NO. 25-4217-R – APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 25-4217-R AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BARTOW TO ACCEPT FOR MAINTENANCE THE IMPROVEMENTS DEDICATED TO THE PUBLIC IN THE PLAT OF THOMPSON PRESERVE PHASE 2, PB 211, PGS 32 AND 33, PUBLIC RECORDS OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA.
- b. RESOLUTION NO. 25-4218-R – APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION 25-4218-R AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BARTOW TO ACCEPT FOR MAINTENANCE THE IMPROVEMENTS DEDICATED TO THE PUBLIC IN THE PLAT OF SAND LAKE GROVES PHASE II, PB 208, PGS 42 AND 43, PUBLIC RECORDS OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA.
- c. RESOLUTION NO. 25-4220-R – APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 25-4220-R AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BARTOW TO ACCEPT FOR MAINTENANCE THE IMPROVEMENTS DEDICATED TO THE PUBLIC IN THE PLAT OF JAMES FARMS PHASE ONE, PB 209, PGS 7 THRU 12, PUBLIC RECORDS OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA.

## 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 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 April 3, 2025.