



CITY OF BARTOW
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 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 – Pastor Rob Sowell, Word of Life Christian Center
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
4. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
 - a. Issuance of proclamation recognizing June 19, 2025, as Juneteenth Day. Being accepted by Juneteenth Empowerment Committee Co-Chairpersons Zelma Harris and Jamie Gaskins.
 - b. Issuance of proclamation recognizing June 2025 as LGBT+ Pride Month. Being accepted by Polk Pride Representative Michelle Valdes.
 - c. Presentation and update of the Central Polk Parkway (CPP) East project from SR 60 to SR 538 in Polk County. Being presented by Jazlyn Heywood, Project Manager, Atkins consultant to Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise.
 - d. Presentation of Mary Holland / Mosaic Park Connector Bridge. Being presented by Steve Githens and PWRC Director Hargrove.
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. BPD Citizens’ Police Academy Update – Police Chief Walker
 2. Osmose Pole Inspections in City of Bartow – Electric Utilities Director Poucher
 - 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 second reading of Ordinance No. 2025-09 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA AMENDING THE CITY OF BARTOW MUNICIPAL FIREFIGHTERS’ RETIREMENT TRUST FUND, AS PREVIOUSLY RESTATED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2010-08, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCES NO. 2013-10, 2020-13 and 2023-12, CREATING A DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN (“DROP”); CHANGING THE NORMAL RETIREMENT AGE AND DATE; CHANGING THE AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY THE MEMBERS; CHANGING THE VESTING SCHEDULE; CHANGING REEMPLOYMENT AFTER RETIRMENT; CHANGING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
- b. Public hearing and consideration of Resolution No. 25-4226-R – A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE STUART CROSSINGS PLANNED DEVELOPMENT LAND USE PLAN TO 1) CHANGE THE FLOOR AREA RATIO (FAR) FOR PARCELS D, J AND K LYING WITHIN THE BOUNDARY OF THE BARTOW CRA TO ALLOW A FAR UP TO 0.8; AND 2) INCREASE THE MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHT FOR PARCEL D TO 60 FEET.
- c. First reading and consideration of Ordinance No. 2025-11 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2022-07, TO EXPAND THE BOUNDARIES OF THE STUART CROSSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 190, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of May 19, 2025, City Commission Regular Meeting minutes.
- b. Approval to appoint Julia Bailey to the Citizens’ Advisory Committee for a three-year term ending September 2028.
- c. Approval to appoint Carrie Brewton to the Alternate 1 Seat on the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a three-year term ending November 2027.
- d. Approval of Partial Termination of Easement between City of Bartow and J.K. Stuart Properties, LLC.
- e. Approval of City Commissioner absence(s) for May 19, 2025 excusal(s): None.

12. OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

- a. OLD BUSINESS – NONE

b. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Purchase and Sale Contract with Mosaic for 140 +/- acres adjacent to Cedar Trail Landfill.
2. Approval of Settlement Agreement with OM Holdings.
3. Approval of Amendments to Settlement Agreement with Republic Services.

13. RESOLUTIONS – NONE

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 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 May 29, 2025.