



CITY OF BARTOW

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 21, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M. (EST) *OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE*
CITY HALL, COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 450 N. WILSON AVE., BARTOW, FL 33830

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. INVOCATION – Bishop Willie Watson, Praise Temple Deliverance
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
4. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
 - a. Issuance of proclamation recognizing the former Fourth of July Committee for its 43 years of service to the City of Bartow. Being accepted by Committee Members Pam Renew, Wally Edwards, Sheila Broom, Tony Murray & Curtis Holt.
 - b. Issuance of proclamation recognizing Greater Union Academy High School Alumni Association. Being accepted by the Greater Union Academy High School Alumni Association President Carver Young.
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. Set Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Millage Rate
 2. Introduction of John Hall, new Utilities Director
 3. Update on the DOGE information request – Finance Director Peter Lear
 4. Polk County Legislative Delegation Meeting - August 12, 2025
 - 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. 2025-13 – AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING UPON THE PETITION OF THE OWNER THEREOF APPROXIMATELY 11.3 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED BETWEEN US HIGHWAY 17 AND OLD BARTOW/EAGLE LAKE ROAD ON THE EAST AND WEST SIDE OF THE CENTRAL POLK PARKWAY PHASE 1 EXTENSION IN SECTIONS 21 AND 22, TOWNSHIP 29S, RANGE 25E, POLK COUNTY FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER’S ERROR; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE UPON FINAL PASSAGE.
- b. Public hearing and final reading of Ordinance No. 2025-14 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA; SAID AMENDMENT BEING KNOWN AS “AMENDMENT #CPA-25-04-SS”; SPECIFICALLY ASSIGNING COMMERCIAL LAND USE TO RECENTLY ANNEXED PARCELS OWNED BY BARTOW PARKWAY COMMERCIAL, LLC; TRANSMITTING SAID AMENDMENT TO FLORIDA COMMERCE 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.
- c. Public hearing and final reading of Ordinance No. 2025-15 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA, REZONING APPROXIMATELY 11.3 ACRES OF LAND OWNED BY BARTOW PARKWAY COMMERCIAL, LLC AND LOCATED IN SECTIONS 21 AND 22, TOWNSHIP 29 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS C-3, HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER’S ERROR; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE UPON FINAL PASSAGE.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of July 7, 2025, City Commission Regular Meeting minutes.
- b. Approval to appoint Dr. Damian Wilson to the Alternate 2 seat on the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a term ending November 2027.
- c. Consideration and approval of the City of Bartow Universal Leave Donation Program.
- d. Consideration and approval authorizing staff to enter contract negotiations with both ranked contractors Cathcart Construction Company – FL, LLC & Killebrew, Inc. for Utility Construction Services for the City of Bartow.
- e. Consideration and approval authorizing staff to enter contract negotiations with the highest scored proposer, Xtremely Clean Janitorial Services LLC for the Downtown Bartow Cleaning & Maintenance Service Program.

- f. Acceptance of Quit Claim Deed from JK Stuart Properties, LLC for fractional interest in property adjacent to Evergreen Cemetery.
- g. Approval of City Commissioner absence(s) for July 7, 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. 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 July 17, 2025.