



CITY OF BARTOW
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025 AT 6:00 PM
OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS
450 NORTH WILSON AVE., BARTOW, FL 33830

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2. INVOCATION
 - a. 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 October 30, 2025 as 91st Annual Bartow Community Parade and Carnival Day. Being accepted by Committee Chairperson Jennifer Hall and members of participating civic clubs.
 - b. Issuance of proclamation recognizing October 24, 2025 as World Polio Day. Being accepted by Bartow Rotary President Steve Githens and club members.
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. Celebrate Local Government Week 2025 — Jacki Poole, City Clerk & Laurie Hayes, Communications 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. 2025-16 - AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING UPON THE PETITION OF THE OWNERS THEREOF APPROXIMATELY 1,989.9 ACRES OF PROPERTY, KNOWN AS THE BARTOW EXECUTIVE AIRPORT, AND LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDES OF US HIGHWAY 17 AND 91 MINE ROAD, SOUTH OF BOMBER ROAD IN SECTIONS 13, 14, 22 THRU 27, TOWNSHIP 29 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, 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. 2025-20 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF RACETRAC WEST BARTOW BEING A PORTION OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 30 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST AND SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 30 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, CITY OF BARTOW, POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERROR; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE UPON FINAL PASSAGE.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of October 6, 2025 City Commission Regular Meeting minutes.
- b. Approval of City Commissioner absence(s) for October 6, 2025 excusal(s);
None
- c. Approval of Tower Lease Agreement with Verizon Wireless for installation of equipment on City Water Tower.
- d. Approval to authorize the Bartow Electric Department to sponsor Christmas Decorations for Main Street Bartow, Inc. in the amount of \$43,448 for the downtown holiday season.

12. OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

- a. OLD BUSINESS
- b. NEW BUSINESS

13. RESOLUTIONS

- a. **RESOLUTION NO. 24-4248-R** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BARTOW RECOGNIZING FLORIDA CITY WEEK, OCTOBER 20-26, 2025, AND ENCOURAGING ALL CITIZENS TO SUPPORT THE CELEBRATION AND CORRESPONDING ACTIVITIES.
- b. **RESOLUTION NO. 25-4249-R** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA, RELATING TO FORT FRASER TRAIL PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE, PROJECT NUMBER 440272-1-52-01/02; SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY

AESTHETIC FEATURE PUBLIC ARTWORK TO BE PLACED THEREUPON;
AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY AESTHETIC
FEATURE AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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 October 16, 2025.