



**City Council & Community Redevelopment Agency Agenda  
CITY OF PUNTA GORDA, FLORIDA  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 326 W. MARION AVE.  
APRIL 1, 2015, 9:00 AM**

**CITY COUNCIL**

Carolyn Freeland, Mayor  
Kim Devine, Vice Mayor  
Rachel Keesling, Council Member  
Tom Cavanaugh, Council Member  
Nancy Prafke, Council Member

**CITY OFFICIALS**

Howard Kunik, City Manager  
David Levin, City Attorney  
Karen Smith, City Clerk

*NOTE: Anyone wishing to address the Council on any agenda item may do so at the appropriate time during the meeting. Those who choose to speak must state their name for the record. Each person will be allowed to speak once on each subject up to a maximum of three minutes.*

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**9:00 AM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**INVOCATION**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**I. PROCLAMATION/PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Proclamations**

1. [Purple Heart City](#)
2. [Charlotte Symphony Orchestra Day](#)
3. [Autism Awareness Month](#)
4. [Donate Life Month](#)
5. [Fair Housing Month](#)

**B. Presentations**

1. 10 Year Service Award - Macalle Finkle, Paralegal & Executive Assistant
2. 2015 City of Punta Gorda Amateur Golf Championship Trophy Presentation

**C. Introduction of Board/Committee Member Nominees**

**II. COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**A. Citizen Comments - CRA Agenda Items Only**

**B.**

[CRA Project Status Report April 2015](#)

**C. [Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of March 4, 2015](#)**

**D.**

[Lease Agreement between the Punta Gorda Community Redevelopment Agency \(CRA\) and Downtown Merchants Association for the Artisan's Atelier in Herald Court Centre](#)

**E. [Future Leasing of Herald Court Centre Commercial Space](#)**

**F. Citizen Comments**

**G. Commissioner Comments**

**III. PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA**

**A. Public Hearings**

**1.**

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, making certain findings and designating a portion of the real property located at 24500 Airport Road, Punta Gorda, Charlotte County, Florida, as further identified by the map in the attached Exhibit "A," as a Brownfield Area pursuant to Section 376.80, Florida statutes, for the purpose of environmental rehabilitation, job creation, and promoting economic redevelopment; authorizing the City Clerk to notify the Florida Department of Environmental Protection of said designation; providing for an effective date and for all other purposes. **SECOND PUBLIC HEARING**

**B. Quasi-Judicial Public Hearings**

**C. Ordinance/Resolution (No Public Hearing Required)**

**1. Citizen Comments - Ordinances/Resolution Items Only**

**2.**

**ZA-03-15** - An Ordinance of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, amending Chapter 26 of the Punta Gorda Code, known as "the Land Development Regulations", Article 11, "Sign Standards", Section 11.8, "Signs in Rights-of-way", Subsection (c), "Special Event Signs", providing a process for application, review and approval for off-premises special event signage; amending Article 13, "Events", Section 13.4, "Special Events", providing for definitions and a process for special events to reflect regulations adopted in the event manual by Resolution No. 3124-14; providing for conflict and severability; and providing an effective date. **SECOND READING**

**3.**

**ZA-04-15** - An Ordinance of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, amending Chapter 26, Punta Gorda Code, known as "The Land Development Regulations", amending Article 3 "Regulating Districts", Section 3.9, "CC, City Center District", adding a new subsection (h), "Decorative Exterior Lighting Standards"; providing specific criteria and permit requirements for decorative exterior lighting; amending Article 11, "Sign Standards", Subsection 11.6(b) "Prohibited Signs and Devices", to allow exemption from prohibition

for any exterior illuminated tubing or strings of lights for properties located in the City Center zoning district; providing for conflict and severability; and providing an effective date. **SECOND READING**

4.

**ZA-05-15** - An Ordinance of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, amending Chapter 26, Punta Gorda Code, known as “The Land Development Regulations”, amending Article 3 “Regulating Districts”, Section 3.13, “SRO, Special Residential Overlay District”, amending Subsection (l), “Storage of Vehicles and Watercraft” providing clarification for watercraft storage on davits; providing for conflict and severability; and providing an effective date. **SECOND READING**

#### **IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

*All matters listed under this item are considered to be routine and action will be accomplished by one motion without separate discussion of each item. If a member of the Council desires discussion, that item(s) will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.*

##### **A. Citizen Comments - Consent Agenda Items**

##### **B. City Clerk's Department**

1. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of March 18, 2015

##### **C. Legal Department**

1. Invoice of Allen, Norton & Blue, P.A. for services rendered in February 2015.
2. Monthly Litigation Report

##### **D. Urban Design Division**

1. A Resolution of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, designating certain public lands located at 361 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard as Bailey Brothers Park; and providing an effective date.

2.

Event Permit: 15-132367: Punta Gorda Hibiscus Festival; May 15, 16, & 17, 2015;  
Gilchrist Park

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **V. CITIZEN COMMENTS - REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

### **VI. BUDGET**

A. FY 2016 Budget Status Report

B.

Presentation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for fiscal year ended September 30, 2014.

### **VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A.

Draft Agenda for the Alligator Creek Access to Charlotte Harbor (AKA Bird Section Cut Through) Workshop

B.

Discussion of Annexation Fees for Properties Over 10 Acres

C.

A Resolution of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, repealing Resolution 894-88 and reestablishing the Local Brick Streets Renovation and Restoration Program; and providing an effective date.

### **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Traffic Safety Concerns - Intersection of W. Marion Avenue and Maude Street
- B. Discussion regarding current landscape regulations and effect in the Historic District due to occasional influx of brackish water associated with heavy rains and minor flooding.
- C.

Discussion regarding definition of commercial vehicles, to include one-ton pick-up trucks and larger commercially used vans as related to parking and storage of vehicles.

**IX. RECOMMENDATION FROM CITY OFFICERS**

- A. City Manager
- B. City Attorney
- C. City Clerk

**X. BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

- A. Announcement of Vacancies
  - 1. Historic Preservation Advisory Board Alternate (2)
  - 2. Utility Advisory Board (2)
  - 3. Historic Preservation Advisory Board
  - 4. Punta Gorda Housing Authority (2)
- B. Nominations
  - 1. Utility Advisory Board (2)

2. Firefighters' Pension Board

C. Appointments

XI. POLICY AND LEGISLATION

A. Mayor

B. Council Member Comments

1. Continued Discussion of Allowing Dogs in Nature Park

XII. CITIZENS COMMENTS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

*If any person decides to appeal any decision made by City Council or an Advisory Board/Committee with respect to any matter considered at the meeting or hearing, he or she may need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.*

*In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Florida Statute 286.26, the location of this public hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. If you are a person with disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Interpreters for the hearing impaired (TTY 941-575-5013) or non-English speaking citizens, and any other special accommodations can be requested by contacting the Human Resources Manager/Non-Discrimination Coordinator whose address is 326 W. Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda, FL 33950, whose telephone number is (941) 575-3308, and whose email address is [humres@pgorda.us](mailto:humres@pgorda.us) at least two (2) calendars days prior to the meeting.*

