

Liz Alpert
Mayor



Vice Mayor Debbie Trice
Commissioner Jen Ahearn-Koch
Commissioner Kyle Battie
Commissioner Kathy Kelley Ohlrich

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING OF APRIL 21, 2025

WELCOME to a Regular meeting of the City Commission. This Agenda includes all matters scheduled to come before the Commission at this meeting. It is prepared to help you follow the proceedings of the meeting. Your interest is appreciated, and we invite your comments. Input from citizens is important; we need and welcome it.

If you wish to address the Commission, please fill out a "Request To Speak" Form located on the table at the back of the Commission Chambers. Fill out the form completely, indicating the Agenda Item to which you intend to speak, and place the form in the box on the table. **If you intend to speak under Citizens' Input Concerning City Topics**, the subject should also be noted on the "Request To Speak" Form. **Agenda Items for which citizens' comments are not permitted are noted.** In general, these will be items on which a public hearing has previously been held. Listed below are the time limits established for speaking:

- **Public Hearings - Quasi-judicial:** A reasonable amount of time to be determined by the City Commission will be provided to Applicants and Affected Persons desiring to speak.
- **Public Hearings - Legislative:** Citizens desiring to speak are allowed five (5) minutes. Petitioners are allowed fifteen (15) minutes with a five (5) minute rebuttal at the close of the public hearing. We will ask you to take an oath that all evidence and testimony presented during the public hearing are truthful.
- **Citizens' Input Concerning City Topics** - Citizens desiring to speak are allowed three (3) minutes. Remember, appearances before the Commission are not a substitute for attempting to resolve your issue(s) through the appropriate administrative channels. **Citizens' Input is to allow citizens the opportunity to present their view on matters concerning City topics but not on items scheduled elsewhere on the Agenda.** Questions and answers shall not be permitted. Matters presented to the Commission may be referred by the Mayor, with consensus of the Commission, to the Administration for action and possible follow-up at a future Commission meeting. We expect that citizens have first attempted to speak directly with the City's Administration.
- **Other Agenda Items permitting citizens' comment** - Citizens desiring to speak are allowed **three (3) minutes.** Agenda items for which citizens' comments are not permitted are noted in the left margin of the Agenda.

The City Auditor and Clerk will forward all Request to Speak forms to the Mayor. When the Mayor calls your name, come to the Commission table, and restate your name for the record. We ask that your comments be limited to the subject of the Agenda Item. Remember, we are always happy to listen to your comments; however, this is not intended to be an extended question and answer session.

Again, the City Commission thanks you for taking the time to participate in our meeting.

LIZ ALPERT
Mayor



AGENDA

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

April 21, 2025

CITY HALL

**City Commission Chambers
9:00 AM**

**1565 First Street
Sarasota, Florida**

**** PLEASE NOTE: THE COMMISSION WILL RECESS FOR LUNCH AT APPROX. 12:00P.M. ****

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER
INVOCATION
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

APPROVE PROPOSED AGENDA SCHEDULE

Citizens' comments are not permitted on Proposed Agenda Schedule

I. COMMISSION PRESENTATIONS:

II. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS:

Scheduled Presentations are limited to 7 minutes. No action may be taken by the Commission other than referral to the administration. Citizens comments are not permitted on Scheduled Presentations

II.1 Presentation Re: Sarasota Bay Estuary Program: Managing the water quality and natural resources of Sarasota Bay

[II.1 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)

[Tomasko 2025.pdf](#)

PLEDGE OF PUBLIC CONDUCT

III. CITIZENS' INPUT CONCERNING CITY TOPICS:

(Limited to 30 minutes)

Note to the Public:

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elsewhere on the Agenda or items that were the subject of a previously held public hearing which has been closed and Commission deliberations continued to a future date. Questions and answers shall not be permitted; however, matters presented to the Commission may be referred by the Mayor, with consensus of the Commission, to the Administration for action and possible follow-up at a future Commission meeting.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Citizens' comments are not permitted on Approval of the Minutes items.

IV.1 Approval Re: Minutes of the Regular Sarasota City Commission Meeting of March 17, 2025 (CITIZENS COMMENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THIS ITEM)

[IV.1 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)

[25-03-17 Regular.FINAL.pdf](#)

V. BOARD ACTIONS:

City Commission to recess and convene into a Special Session of the Community Redevelopment Agency

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY:

CRA.1. Approval Re: Minutes of the Special Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting of December 02, 2024 (CITIZENS COMMENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THIS ITEM)

[CRA.1 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)

[24-12-02 CRA.FINAL.pdf](#)

CRA.2. Approval Re: Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Financial Statements, Independent Auditors' Report and Required Auditor Communication Letter from Independent Auditors, Forvis Mazars, LLP, for fiscal year end September 30, 2024

[CRA.2 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)

[Packet_CRA Financials_FYE_24.pdf](#)

Community Redevelopment Agency to adjourn and reconvene as the City Commission

VI. CONSENT AGENDA NO. 1:

Note to the Public: All matters listed under Consent Agenda No. 1, are considered to be routine by the City Commission and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

VI.1 Approval Re: City of Sarasota Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Required Auditor Communication Letter for fiscal year end September 30, 2024

[VI.1 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)

[FY2023-24_ACFR_packet.pdf](#)

VI.2 Approval Re: Authorize the Mayor and City Auditor and Clerk to execute Agreement between the City of Sarasota and W.W. Grainger Inc., to provide Facilities Maintenance, Repair, and Operations (MRO) and Industrial Supplies on

an as-needed basis with an estimated annual amount of \$250,000.00

[VI.2. Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)

[AgendaPacket.Grainger.pdf](#)

- VI.3 Approval Re: Authorize the Mayor and City Auditor and Clerk to execute Change Order No. 1 between the City of Sarasota and AC Shultes of Florida, Inc. for the Downtown Wells Rehabilitations project in the amount of \$106,895.50

[VI.3 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)

[FullAgendaPacket.AC.Shultes.pdf](#)

VII. CONSENT AGENDA NO. 2:

Note to the Public: All matters listed under Consent Agenda No. 2, are considered to be routine by the City Commission and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

- VII.1 Adoption Re: Proposed Resolution No. 25R-3326, amending the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024 by providing for supplemental appropriations in the amounts identified in exhibit A: providing for severability if any of the parts hereof are declared invalid, etc. (Title Only). To establish a revenue and expenditure budget in the amount of \$17,160,907.00 within the General Fund for expenditures related to Hurricanes Helene and Milton and the associated reimbursements from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

[VII.1 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)

[Res 25R-3326_backup_04-21-25.pdf](#)

VIII. BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

X. LEGISLATIVE PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Note to the Public: At this time citizens will take an oath if they desire to speak at the following public hearings.

- X.1 Public Hearing Re: Proposed Ordinance No. 25-5564, repealing Section 37-96 and creating Section 37-2 of the Sarasota City Code to provide for authority to assess and collect utility fees from customers through third party providers; and providing for codification, severability, and for an effective date (Title Only)

[X.1 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)

[AgendaPacketOrdinance.25.5564.pdf](#)

XI. QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Note to the Public: At this time citizens will take an oath if they desire to speak at the following public hearings.

- XI.1 Public Hearing Re: Appeal Application No. 25-APP-03 of the Planning Board decision to deny Appeal Application 25-APP-01, upholding the Administrative Approval of applications 24-ASP-07 and 24-ADS-04 regarding the subject property with street addresses of 1260, 1262, 1264, 1266, 1268, 1270, 1272, and

1274 North Palm Avenue, for a project known as 1260 North Palm Residences
(The Obsidian)
[XI.1 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)
[Agenda Item Back Up.pdf](#)

XII. NEW BUSINESS:

XII.1 Discussion Re: Request to fly the LGBTQ+ Pride Flag at City Hall from Monday,
May 5, 2025 - Monday, May 12, 2025
[XII.1 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)
[Flag request back up.pdf](#)

XIII. CITIZENS INPUT CONCERNING CITY TOPICS: (Limited to 30 minutes)

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XIV. REMARKS OF COMMISSIONERS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

XV. OTHER MATTERS/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS:

XVI. ADJOURN

MEETING NOTICE

Meeting Notice
[4-21-25 Regular Meeting Notice.pdf](#)
[4-21-25 CRA Meeting Notice.pdf](#)

CITY COMMISSION RULES OF PROCEDURE

City Commission Rules of Procedure
[CC.RulesofProcedure.AdoptedApril72025.pdf](#)



Notice to the Public

The City of Sarasota is committed to providing qualified disabled individuals an opportunity to participate in meetings of the City Commission.

The City of Sarasota prohibits discrimination in all services, programs, or activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex or gender, marital or familial status, religion, sexual orientation, veteran status, or genetic information. Persons with disabilities who require assistance or alternative means for communication of program information such as Braille, large print, audiotape, etc., should contact: The City of Sarasota ADA Coordinator, Jake Brown, at (941) 263-6299 or by email at adacoordinator@sarasotafl.gov.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in a meeting should contact the ADA Coordinator at (941) 263-6299 at least two business days prior to the date of the meeting as to the nature of the auxiliary aids and/or service necessary.

Every effort will be made to provide such aid or service to the extent that they are reasonable, do not result in undue financial or administrative burden, and do not alter the fundamental nature of the meeting. Consideration will be given to the individual's preferred aid or service. However, alternatives may be provided if in the City's determination such alternatives provide an effective means of communication. For the benefit of individuals utilizing hearing aids with a T-coil, the City Commission Chambers and SRQ Media Studio are outfitted with a Hearing Induction Loop for enhanced hearing assistance.

Proceedings will be electronically recorded. Should an individual feel that a verbatim transcription of the proceedings may later be needed, said individual has the burden and expense of arranging for same. Copies of the electronic recording may be purchased from the Office of the City Auditor and Clerk.

Shayla Griggs
City Auditor and Clerk