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Mayor



Vice Mayor Kathy Kelley Ohlrich
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Commissioner Liz Alpert
Commissioner Kyle Battie

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING OF MARCH 2, 2026

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.

DEBBIE TRICE
Mayor



REVISED AGENDA

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

March 2, 2026

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**

ANNOUNCE ANY CHANGES TO THE ORDER OF THE DAY

APPROVE PROPOSED AGENDA SCHEDULE

Citizens' comments are not permitted on Proposed Agenda Schedule

I. COMMISSION PRESENTATIONS:

I.1 Proclamation Re: Recognizing March 1-7 as Women in Construction Week

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

[NAWIC Week 2026 Proc-ADA.pdf](#)

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

PLEDGE OF PUBLIC CONDUCT

III. CITIZENS' INPUT CONCERNING CITY TOPICS:

(Limited to 30 minutes)

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present their view on matters concerning City topics but not on items scheduled 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 February 02, 2026 (CITIZENS COMMENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THIS ITEM)

[IV.1 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)
[26-02-02 Regular.FINAL.pdf](#)

IV.2 Approval Re: Minutes of the Special Sarasota City Commission Meeting of February 10, 2026 (CITIZENS COMMENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THIS ITEM)

[IV.2 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)
[26-02-10 Special.FINAL.pdf](#)

V. BOARD ACTIONS:

V.1 Presentation Re: Citizen Tax Oversight Committee Report

[V.1 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)
[Citizens_Tax_Oversight_Committee_Presentation.pdf](#)

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 January 05, 2026 (CITIZENS COMMENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THIS ITEM)

[CRA.1 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)
[26-01-05 CRA.FINAL.pdf](#)

CRA.2. Report Re: Newtown Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board (NCRAAB) seeking grant agreement approval for a Redevelopment Project located at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way and Leon Avenue for Margo Ventures, LLC in the amount of \$250,000.00

[CRA.2 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)
[Agenda Backup Documentation - Margo Ventures Final.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: Property Insurance Program Annual Coverage Renewal Brokered through Brown & Brown for a Quoted Renewal Cost in the amount of \$2,385,537.00

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

[Agenda Backup for 2026-2027 Property Insurance Renewal.pdf](#)

VI.2 Approval Re: Sarasota Sailing Squadron, Inc. Youth Sailing Center Project in concept on City-owned property at City Island and authorize submittal of the project applications

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

[Sarasota Sailing Squadron, Inc. Back Up Material.pdf](#)

VI.3 Approval Re: Authorize the Mayor and City Auditor and Clerk to execute the Agreement between the City of Sarasota and Mason Evans, Inc. d/b/a/ Diamond Investigations and Security, to provide security guard services for Front of House and Backstage for the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall. Contract is a three (3) year contract with the possibility of two (2) - one year extensions

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

[New Security for Commission- OCR.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.

VIII. BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

IX.1 Discussion Re: City Commission discussion and direction regarding whether the City Attorney's Office should investigate and evaluate potential legal and administrative remedies, including a civil public nuisance action, relating to alleged ongoing conditions and impacts associated with U.S. Recycling operations within the City of Sarasota (ITEM MOVED UNDER CHANGES TO THE ORDERS OF THE DAY)

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

[U.S. Recycle Backup Material.pdf](#)

IX.2 Adoption Re: Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance No. 26-5588, repealing and replacing Article VI of Chapter 2 of the Sarasota City Code regarding City Procurement; amending Section 2-5 of the City Code relating to contract approval authority; making related findings ;and providing for severability, codification and an affective date, etc. (Title Only) AND Adoption Re: Proposed Resolution 26R-3381, establishing a Solicitation Protest Schedule; making related findings; providing for severability and for an effective date, etc. (Title Only)

[IX.2 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)
[Back up Materials - Procurement Code Ordinance No. 26-5588 Second Reading.pdf](#)

IX.3 Discussion Re: Vacation Rental Expansion Feasibility Report - Downtown Neighborhood Zone District (DTN) Feasibility and Operational Context

[IX.3 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)
[DTN Expansion Report Agenda Item Backup 3.2.pdf](#)

IX.4 Presentation Re: Sarasota Performing Arts Center Concept Design

[IX.4 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)
[Backup Material Sarasota Performing Arts Center Concept Design 3.2.26.pdf](#)

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. 26-5585, amending the Sarasota City Code Chapter 29.6, entitled "Special Event Permits", amending Definitions, Application Process and Requirements for special events; creating Section 29.6-8 Special Events Lasting More than Ninety-Six Hours; creating Section 29.6-9 pertaining to litter at special events; creating Section 29.6-10 pertaining to City Co-Sponsored Events; creating Section 29.6-11 pertaining to security deposits; creating Section 29.6-12 pertaining to indemnification and liability insurance; creating Section 29.6-13 pertaining to nonprofit special event permit status; amending the Sarasota City Code Chapter 20, Section 6 and 7 pertaining to Sound Permitting for special events; amending the Sarasota City Code Chapter 22, Section 22 and Section 23 pertaining to special events; deleting Chapter 23, Section 23.5 pertaining to Commercial Vending during special events; amending the Sarasota City Chapter 30 Section 21 and Section 23 pertaining to right-of-way usage permits for special events; amending the Sarasota City Code Chapter 33, Section 121 pertaining to valet parking at special events; providing for the repeal of ordinances in conflict; providing for the severability of parts hereof if declared invalid or unenforceable, etc. (Title Only)

[X.1 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)
[Back up Materials - Special Event Ordinance No. 26-5585 3.2.25.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: Proposed Ordinance No. 25-5579, to rezone that certain parcel of real property totaling approximately 1.27 +/- acres located on the south side of Alderman Street, bordered by Hudson Avenue to the west, Pine Tree Lane to the south, and Rowe Place to east, from the Residential Multiple Family 5 (RMF-5) Zone District to the Downtown Edge (DTE) Zone District; all as more particularly set forth herein, etc. (Title Only) (Application No. 25-REN-03) (Applicant Patrick Seidensticker, Esq., as agent representing Alderman Oaks Retirement Center Inc., owner)

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

XII. NEW BUSINESS:

XII.1 Discussion and Direction Re: Composting in The City of Sarasota

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

[3.2.26 Cover sheet and compost presentation.pdf](#)

XII.2 Presentation Re: Property Tax Usage and Reform

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

[Back up Materials - Property Tax Reform Presentation.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

[3-2-26 Changes to the Orders of the Day Notice.pdf](#)

[3-2-26 Regular Meeting Notice.pdf](#)

[3-2-26 CRA Meeting Notice.pdf](#)

CITY COMMISSION RULES OF PROCEDURE

City Commission Rules of Procedure

[RulesofProcedure April 2025.pdf](#)



Notice to the Public

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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, audiotope, 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 three 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