



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
120 LAISHLEY COURT, PUNTA GORDA, FLORIDA 33950
*******AMENDED*******
JANUARY 14, 2026, 9:00 AM

MEMBERS

Debi Lux, Mayor
Greg Julian, Councilmember
Janis Denton, Councilmember
Jeannine Polk, Vice Mayor
Melissa Lockhart, Councilmember

CITY OFFICIALS

Melissa Reichert, City Manager
Sara Welch, City Clerk
Steven S. Leskovich, Interim City Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call
Invocation
Pledge of Allegiance
Announcements
Next Meeting - Workshop on Events- January 20, 2026 at 5pm at Laishley Community Room

AGENDA APPROVAL

1. PROCLAMATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

- 1.a [Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day](#)
- 1.b [D.N. McQueen Post 103 American Legion Centennial Day](#)
- 1.c [Service Award](#)

2. PUBLIC INPUT

- 2.a Those wishing to introduce themselves as nominees for a board or committee may do so at this time. Those who choose to speak must state their name for the record.
- 2.b Anyone wishing to address the Council on any matter must state their name for the record. Each person will be allowed to speak up to a maximum of three minutes.

3. PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA
(Quasi-Judicial and Legislative)

- 3.a [QUASI-JUDICIAL: VR-01-2025 - A request by Don B. Construction, Inc., property](#)

owner, for an initial determination of vested rights, pursuant to Chapter 27, Vested Rights Determination, Punta Gorda Code, to allow the applicant to continue forward with development of a five-unit rowhouse on the subject properties.

- 3.b LEGISLATIVE: ZA-04-2025 - An Ordinance of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, amending Chapter 26, Punta Gorda Code, the City of Punta Gorda Land Development Regulations, to improve efficiency in review of development applications and to update other affected sections; amending Article 3, Regulating Districts, Section 3.5(a), GM, General Multi-Family Residential District - Permitted Principal Uses and Structures, and Section 3.20(a), EPCO, Emerald Pointe Condominium Overlay District - Permitted Principal Uses and Structures; amending Article 5, Planned Development, Section 5.9(b), Procedures - Planned Development [PD] Plans; amending Article 8, Standards of General Applicability, Section 8.6, Live-Aboard Boats, Houseboats, and Other Watercraft, Section 8.17(b), Underground Utilities - Distribution Systems, and Section 8.28, Pedi-Cabs and Horse Drawn Carriages; amending Article 10, Parking and Loading, Section 10.3(l), Parking Specifications - Distribution Systems; amending Article 12, Landscaping Standards, Section 12.4(c), Types of Landscaping - Street Tree Canopy; amending Article 15, Review Authorities, Section 15.2, Development Review Committee [DRC]; amending Article 16, Section 16.4(b), Application for Concurrency - Concurrency Review, Section 16.4(e), Application for Concurrency - Capital Improvements Program Review, and Section 16.6, Application for Development Plan; amending Article 19, Definitions, Section 19.3(145), Definitions- Marina; providing a savings clause; providing for non-codification and scrivener's errors; providing for conflicts; providing for severability; and providing an effective date. FIRST READING.
- 3.c LEGISLATIVE: ZA-05-2025 - An Ordinance of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, Amending Chapter 9A, Punta Gorda Code, the City of Punta Gorda Enforcement Code, to establish requirements and procedures for a Special Magistrate; providing a savings clause; providing for non-codification and scrivener's errors; providing for conflicts; providing for severability; and providing an effective date. FIRST READING.
- 3.d LEGISLATIVE: GA-01-2026 - An Ordinance of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, Amending the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 23, Traffic, Article II, Parking Areas, Section 23-23, "Parking in City lots, garages, public streets or other property", to provide rules and regulations for City owned and operated parking lots; and providing an effective date. FIRST READING.
- 3.e *LEGISLATIVE - SECOND READING - GA-10-2025 - An ordinance of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, Amending Punta Gorda Code of Ordinances Chapter 7, Building Regulations, Article V, Floodplain Management Code, Chapter 1, Administration, Section 103, Duties and Powers of the Floodplain Administrator, Section 103.4, Substantial Improvement and Substantial Damage Determinations, relating to floodplain management; establishing requirements for substantial damage determinations for historic structures or properties; providing requirements for historic structures or properties determined to be substantially damaged; providing for historic preservation considerations; providing for severability, providing for conflicts; and an effective date.

4. ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS(No Public Hearing Required)

- 4.a A resolution of the City Council of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, approving amended bylaws governing the function and procedures of the Board of Zoning Appeals, Building Board, Burnt Store Isles Canal Advisory Committee, Historic Preservation Advisory Board, Planning Commission, Punta Gorda Isles Canal Advisory Committee, and Utility Advisory Board; providing an effective date.

- 4.b A resolution of the City Council of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida amending the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 by providing for re-appropriations and supplemental appropriations in the amounts identified in Exhibit A; and providing an effective date.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 5.a Invoice of Leskovich Law Group, P.A. for legal services rendered through November 2025 in the amount of \$4,068.74
- 5.b Invoice of Allen, Norton & Blue, P.A. for legal services rendered on June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$500.00. Invoice of Allen, Norton & Blue, P.A. for legal services rendered on July 31, 2025 in the amount of \$125.00. Invoice of Allen, Norton & Blue, P.A. for legal services rendered on August 31, 2025 in the amount of \$3,670.00. Invoice of Allen, Norton & Blue, P.A. for legal services rendered on September 30, 2025 in the amount of \$525.00.
- 5.c A resolution of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, approving the amended agreement governing the school resource officer program between the City of Punta Gorda, Florida and the School Board of Charlotte County, Florida; authorizing the City of Punta Gorda mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the City; and providing an effective date.
- 5.d City Council Minutes
- 5.e Proofs of Loss - Hurricanes Helene and Milton

6. **REGULAR AGENDA**

- 6.a Trailer Rental Business and Double-Axle Trailer Parking Discussion
- 6.b South Fork Alligator Creek Florida Department of Transportation Grant
- 6.c Third Amendment to Commercial Lease Agreement with Morgan Stanley.
- 6.d Road Closure Request: Event Permit 25-191575 - Premier Auto Auction, March 8-17, 2026, at Charlotte Harbor Event Center
- 6.e Road Closure Request: Event Permit -26-00100004 St. Patrick's Day Celebration - At Celtic Ray - March 17-18, 2026
- 6.f Road Closure Request: Event Permit 26-00100005 - Nykol's Rescue Until Every Shelter Is Empty - February 26, 2026
- 6.g Road Closure Request: Event Permit - 26-00100006 - The Salty Tarpon American Made Band - February 14, 2026
- 6.h Anchoring Limitation Area
- 6.i Fire Department Relocation Project
- 6.j Project Updates

7. **BOARDS / COMMITTEE**

- 7.a Announcement of Vacancies: Burnt Store Isles Canal Advisory Committee (1 regular and 1 alternate)

- 7.b Announcement of Vacancies: Code Enforcement Board (2 regular and 2 alternates)
- 7.c Announcement of Vacancies: Police Officers' Pension Board (1 City resident member)
- 7.d Announcement of Vacancies: Punta Gorda Isles Canal Advisory Committee (1 alternate)
- 7.e Nominations: Building Board (1 contractor seat)
- 7.f Nominations: Burnt Store Isles Canal Advisory Committee (1 regular)
- 7.g Nominations: Firefighters' Pension Board (City resident at-large)
- 7.h Nominations: Historic Preservation Advisory Board (1 regular)
- 7.i Nominations: Punta Gorda Housing Authority (tenant commissioner seat)
- 7.j Confirmation: Firefighters' Pension Board (City resident at-large)

8. **REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS**

- 8.a City Clerk
- 8.b City Manager
- 8.c Interim City Attorney

9. **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

10. **PUBLIC INPUT**

- 10.a Anyone wishing to address the Council on any matter must state their name for the record. Each person will be allowed to speak up to a maximum of three minutes.

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) 575-3371, and whose email address is humres@pgorda.us at least two (2) calendars days prior to the meeting.