



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
326 WEST MARION AVENUE, PUNTA GORDA, FLORIDA 33950
*******AMENDED*******
AUGUST 26, 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, City Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Announcements

Next Meeting - September 9, 2026 at 9am, Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall Chambers located at 326 W. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda, FL 33950.

AGENDA APPROVAL

1. PROCLAMATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

1.a [Punta Gorda Boat Club Day](#)

1.b [Service Award](#)

1.c [Presentation of the City Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2025.](#)

1.d [Presentation of the Community Redevelopment Agency Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2025.](#)

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: CCSP-03-2026 - Petition for special permit pursuant to Chapter 6, Section 2-1(e), Punta Gorda Code, to allow docks and other support structures to be constructed at a length of 500 feet extending from the seawall and in configuration(s) which do not adhere to dock location or alignment or extension shape or size allowance, otherwise prohibited by Sections 2-1(d)(6)a. and 2-1(d)(6)b., Punta Gorda Code, for a proposed marina on the submerged lands immediately adjacent to and abutting the property located at 300 West Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda, Florida, 33950. Owner/Petitioner: Punta Gorda Hotel, LLC-Amer Asmar Address: 300 West Retta Esplanade Charlotte County Parcel: 412306302001
- 3.b LEGISLATIVE: ZA-08-2026 - Proposed amendments to Chapter 26, Land Development Regulations, to update the historic preservation regulations and overlay districts, require disclosure of historic property designation, re-establish the Local Register of Historic Places, review procedures, and amend Historic Preservation Board authority. FIRST READING.

4. **ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS**
(No Public Hearing Required)

- 4.a LEGISLATIVE: GA-04-2026 - An Ordinance of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, amending Chapter 23, "Traffic", Article I, of the Punta Gorda Code of Ordinances to revise regulations governing the operation of golf carts on city streets and rights-of-way; amending Section 23-7, "Motorized Vehicles Prohibited on Tidal Creek Bridge on West Retta Esplanade; Exceptions"; amending Section 23-8, "Golf Carts Permitted on West Retta Esplanade"; and providing for conflicts, severability, codification, scrivener's errors, and an effective date.
- 4.b A resolution of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, authorizing the City Manager to accept, execute, and administer the federally funded Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) contract with the Florida Division of Emergency Management (No.H1461) for a Watershed Master Plan in the amount of \$225,000, recognizing a local match of \$75,000; authorizing the appropriate budget amendments; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date.
- 4.c A resolution of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, authorizing the City Manager to accept, execute, and administer the federally funded 2024 Community Forestry Capacity Grants contract with the Florida Department of Agriculture and consumer Services (FDACS), (No. 340789) to plant 100 native, wind and salt tolerant trees and restore the tree canopy in the amount of \$48,617.00, recognizing a local match of \$5,649; authorizing the appropriate budget amendments; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date.
- 4.d A resolution of the City Council of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, approving amended bylaws governing the membership requirements of the Building Board; providing an effective date.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 5.a SP-01-2026 - A request by Robert H. Bertsson, Esq., as Authorized Agent on behalf of REFAO, LLC, Applicant, authorized by HVCG PG Retail, LLC, Property Owner, for an off-site parking agreement pursuant to Chapter 26, Section 10.4, Punta Gorda Code, to

reserve nineteen parking spaces on the property located at 10175 Tamiami Trail, otherwise identified by the Charlotte County Property Appraiser as parcel 412328180002, to meet the parking requirements for a proposed medical office to be located at 10207 Tamiami Trail, otherwise identified by the Charlotte County Property Appraiser as parcel 412328180003, as required by Chapter 26, Section 10.7, Punta Gorda Code.

- 5.b Invoice of Leskovich Law Group, P.A. for legal services rendered through May 2026 in the amount of \$8,250.00.
- 5.c Invoice of Persson, Cohen & Mooney, P.A. for legal services rendered through July 1, 2026, in the amount of \$975.80.
- 5.d Invoice of Allen, Norton & Blue, P.A. for legal services rendered on June 30, 2026 in the amount of \$295.00.
- 5.e Road Closure Request - Event Permit 26 - 00196639 - Premier Auto Auction, at Charlotte Harbor Event Center, November 30 - December 3, 2026
- 5.f Road Closure Request - Event Permit 26-00196640 - Premier Auto Auction, at Charlotte Harbor Event Center, March 14 - 23, 2027.
- 5.g Road Closure Request - Event Permit 26 - 00196575 - Sullivan Street Craft Fair, September 19 - 20, 2026.
- 5.h Road Closure Request - Event Permit 26 - 00196577 - Sullivan Street Craft Fair, November 28 - 29, 2026.
- 5.i Memo Regarding the Continuance of Variance Application V-01-2026
- 5.j Demolition Permits Update
- 5.k May 18, 2026, Pre-Agenda Meeting Minutes
- 5.l June 1, 2026, Pre-Agenda Meeting Minutes
- 5.m June 1, 2026, Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes
- 5.n June 3, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes
- 5.o June 17, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes
- 5.p June 29, 2026, Pre-Agenda Meeting Minutes
- 5.q July 1, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes
- 5.r July 6, 2026, Pre-Agenda Meeting Minutes
- 5.s July 7, 2026, Joint Historic Preservation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
- 5.t July 8, 2026, Joint Utility Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
- 5.u July 8, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes
- 5.v Interlocal Agreement between the School Board of Charlotte County and the City of Punta Gorda.

- 5.w Resolution of the City Council of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, authorizing the City Manager or their designee to accept, execute and administer the boater revolving funds grant agreement with the Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners (no. S392719) implementation of the pump out boat project, in the amount of \$3,550.00; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date.
- 5.x Resolution of the City Council of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, authorizing the City Manager or their designee to accept, execute and administer the boater revolving funds grant agreement with the Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners (no. S392718) to dredge the Boat Club Inlet, in the amount of \$245,000.00; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date.
- 5.y A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, authorizing the City Manager or their designee to accept, execute and administer the boater revolving fund grant agreements with the Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners (No. S392709A and No. S392709B) to fund the Vessel, Event OT, Dive Training Project, in the amount of \$329,090, and the Derelict Vessel Removal Project, in the amount of \$60,000; and providing an effective date.

6. REGULAR AGENDA

- 6.a Agreement award to Architects Design Group, Inc., of Winter Park, FL for a master agreement to provide assessment & planning for the City's Public Safety Complex at 1410 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda.
- 6.b Award of Amendment 1 to Architect Design Group LLC of Winter Park, FL for professional services to Assess the Public Safety Facility.
- 6.c Award of Amendment to Carollo Engineers, Inc., of Sarasota, FL, to provide professional services for the rehabilitation of Well No 5 and Well No 6 at the Shell Creek Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Plant.
- 6.d Trabue Park Improvements
- 6.e Vacant Parcel Donation to City of Punta Gorda
- 6.f City Exterior Displays
- 6.g Strategic Plan Quarter Three Update
- 6.h Land Development Regulations Revisions - Height and Density
- 6.i Quarterly Revenue and Expenditure Financial Update
- 6.j Project Updates

7. BOARDS / COMMITTEE

- 7.a Announcement of Vacancies: Building Board (1 consumer advocate alternate)
- 7.b Announcement of Vacancies: Code Enforcement Board (1 alternate)
- 7.c Announcement of Vacancies: Police Officers' Pension Board (1 City resident member)
- 7.d Nominations: Building Board (1 consumer advocate seat)
- 7.e Nominations: Building Board (1 contractor alternate)

7.f [Nominations: Code Enforcement Board \(2 regular and 1 alternate\)](#)

8. **REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS**

8.a [City Clerk](#)

8.b [City Manager](#)

8.c [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.