CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
326 W. MARION AVE., PUNTA GORDA, FL 33950
NOVEMBER 18, 2026, 9:00 AM

MEMBERS

Debi Lux, Mayor
Janis Denton, Councilmember
Melissa Lockhart, Councilmember
Gary Butler, Councilmember-elect
Jeannine Polk, Vice Mayor
Greg Julian, 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 - December 2, 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 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: V-03-2026 - A request by Edward McDonald of Thomas Engineering Group, as Authorized Agent on behalf of Taco Bell of America, LLC, Applicant, authorized by Branch Burnt Store Associates, L.P., Property Owner, for a variance pursuant to Punta Gorda Code, Chapter 26, Land Development Regulations (LDRs),

Section 16.10, from Punta Gorda Code, Chapter 26, Sections 3.10(g)(2), 3.10(g)(8), 7.4(a)(3), 7.4(e)(2)a., 7.4(e)(7), and 10.2(a), related to the maximum front yard setback, minimum build out percentage, location of parking, and pedestrian access location, for a proposed drive-thru facility to be located at 10057 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda, Florida 33950.

3.b LEGISLATIVE: GA-06-2026 - An ordinance of the City of Punta Gorda; amending the City of Punta Gorda General Employees' Retirement System, restated pursuant to Ordinance 2016-2024; amending Section 10, Optional Forms of Benefits; providing for severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith and providing an effective date. FIRST READING.

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

4.a A resolution of the City Council of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, formally adopting its amended Rules of Procedure; and providing an effective date.

4.b A resolution of the City Council of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, formally adopting its Civility Pledge; and providing an effective date.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

5.a Demolition Permits Update

5.b Invoice of Persson, Cohen & Mooney, P.A. for legal services rendered through October 5, 2026, in the amount of $880.60.

6. REGULAR AGENDA

6.a Agreement Award to GrantWorks, Inc. of Tallahassee, FL for FEMA Grant Management Services.

6.b Business Event Permitting Discussion

6.c Event Manual Update

6.d Consideration and Approval of Special Magistrates Appointment

6.e Legislative Agenda

6.f Project Updates

7. **BOARDS / COMMITTEE**

7.a Announcement of Vacancies: Punta Gorda Isles Canal Advisory Committee (1 regular)

7.b Nominations: Punta Gorda Isles Canal Advisory Committee (3 regular)

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.