

Liz Alpert
Mayor



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

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING OF MARCH 3, 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



REVISED AGENDA

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

March 3, 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:

- I.1 Presentation Re: Recognition of Nels Matson for His Cross-Country Run Honoring U.S. Veterans

[I.1 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)
[SKM_C450i25021011500.pdf](#)

- I.2 Presentation Re: Employee of the Month and Team of the Month for March 2025

[I.2 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)
[Agenda Request - March 2025.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

- II.1 Presentation Re: Sarasota Housing Authority Portfolio Analysis by William O. Russell III President, CEO

[II.1 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)
[City Commission Presentation-Portfolio Analysis-March 2025.pdf](#)

- II.2 Presentation Re: Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall by Lorrie Muldowney,
Immediate Past President of the the Sarasota Alliance for Historic Preservation
[II.2 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)
[Back up Material.pdf](#)

PLEDGE OF PUBLIC CONDUCT

III. CITIZENS' INPUT CONCERNING CITY TOPICS:

(Limited to 30 minutes)

Note to the Public:

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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 03, 2025 (CITIZENS COMMENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THIS ITEM)

[IV.1 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)
[25-02-03 Regular.FINAL.pdf](#)

V. BOARD ACTIONS:

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 Coverage Renewal Brokered through Brown & Brown for Effective Dates 04/01/2025 - 04/01/2026. The current Annual Cost is \$1,716,906.00, and the Quoted Renewal Cost is in the amount of \$2,446,063.00, which adds the Van Wezel, One Stop Shop building, as well as 1544 and 1590 First Street

[VI.1 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)
[Final Property Comparison 25-26.pdf](#)

- VI.2 Announcement Re: Notice of Emergency Purchase Order for Valet Services for the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall

[VI.2 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)
[Agenda Item Emergency PO Van Wezel Valet Services.pdf](#)

- VI.3 Approval Re: Sister Cities Association of Sarasota, Inc. Recommitment of the Partnership with the City of Sarasota and the City of Perpignan La Rayonnante, France and Recognition of Perpignan La Rayonnante, France Day (THIS ITEM WAS ADDED UNDER CHANGES TO THE ORDERS OF THE DAY)

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

[Agenda Item Cover Letter and Backup Material Perpignan, France.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-3310, 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 \$17,500.00 within the General Fund for donations made to the Sarasota Police Department

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

[Res 25R-3310_backup_03-03-25.pdf](#)

- VII.2 Adoption Re: Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance No. 25-5559, amending Chapter 24, Personnel, Article II, Pensions, Division 4, General Employees' Defined Benefit Pension Plan, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sarasota; Amending Section 24-99, Finances and Fund Management, repealing all Ordinances in conflict herewith; providing for severability of the parts hereof if declared invalid, etc. (Title Only)

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

[General Employess Pension Ordinance 25-5559 Backup Material.pdf](#)

VIII. BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

- VIII.1 Appointment Re: Parks, Recreation and Environmental Protection Advisory Board

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

[3-3-25 PREP Backup.pdf](#)

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- IX.1 Adoption Re: Proposed Resolution No. 24R-3284, authorizing an additional parking permit fee pursuant to Section 33-151 of the City Code for employees of contractors working in the city; setting the amount of the monthly parking permit fee for contractors' employees, etc. (Title Only)

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

[Resolution No. 24R-3284 Parking Permits.pdf](#)

- IX.2 Adoption Re: Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance No. 25-5558, amending the Zoning Code (2002 Edition), Article VII, Regulations of General Applicability, Division 7, Public Art, so as to allow additional developer options to provide public art, define the role of the Planning Director, clarify the public art approval process,

exceptions, and additions, and to allow the Public Art Fund to support the advancement of the adopted 2030 Public Art Plan and all actions associated with operations and stewardship of the Public Art Collection; providing for severability of the parts hereof, etc. (Title Only)

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

[Public Art ZTA, 24-ZTA-07 Backup Material.pdf](#)

- IX.3 Approval Re: Authorize the Mayor and City Auditor and Clerk to execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Sarasota and the Humane Society of Sarasota County, Inc. for City owned property located at 2385 15th Street for \$130,000.00

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

[Agenda Backup.pdf](#)

- IX.4 Approval Re: Authorize the Mayor and City Auditor and Clerk to execute an Option to Purchase Agreement between the City of Sarasota and the Sarasota African American Cultural Coalition for City owned property located at 1556, 1560 and 1580 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way for \$201,000.00

[IX.4 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)

[Agenda Backup.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.

XI. QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS:

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XII. NEW BUSINESS:

- XII.1 Direction Re: Lease modification requested by the Historical Society of Sarasota County, Inc., to allow for a sublease

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

[Historical Society of Sarasota County, Inc. Supporting Documentation.pdf](#)

- XII.2 Direction Re: Lease modification request by Nu Pass, LLC following damage caused by Hurricane Helene and Milton

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

[Nu Pass Supporting Documents.pdf](#)

- XII.3 Direction Re: Lease modification request by the Sarasota Sailing Squadron following damage caused by Hurricane Helene and Milton

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

[Sarasota Sailing Squadron Supporting Documents.pdf](#)

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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

[3-3-25 Regular Meeting Notice.pdf](#)

[3-3-25 Changes to the Orders of the Day Notice.pdf](#)

CITY COMMISSION RULES OF PROCEDURE

City Commission Rules of Procedure

[CC.RulesofProcedure.AdoptedApril15-2024.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