



AGENDA

**SPECIAL (ATTORNEY CLIENT SESSION) CITY
COMMISSION MEETING**

March 5, 2026

CITY HALL

**City Commission Chambers
3:00 PM**

**1565 First Street
Sarasota, Florida**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I. CITIZENS INPUT CONCERNING CITY TOPICS (Limited to 30 minutes) Note to the Public: At this time, citizens may address the Commission on topics concerning the City. (3 minutes per person time limit) 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 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.

II. AGENDA ITEMS:

II.1 Introduction Re: Special Closed Meeting of the City Commission for the purpose of discussing settlement negotiations and strategy related to the litigation expenditures in the matters of Rachel Hemmer v. City of Sarasota, Case No. 2024 CA 006193 NC; Edward Stankey v. City of Sarasota, Case No. 2023 CA 002096 NC; and Christian Ziegler v. City of Sarasota, Case No. 2024 CA 1409 NC, (This particular attorney-client meeting concerns the Intervenor Defendants' Crossclaims asserted by Gannett, Nexstar, Scripts, Times Publishing, FLCGA, and Barfield v. City of Sarasota concerning allegations of violations of Florida's Public Records laws by the City in responding to public records requests regarding the investigation of Mr. Ziegler) Circuit Court for Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for Sarasota County, Civil Division (CITIZENS COMMENTS ARE NOT

PERMITTED ON THIS ITEM)

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

[Attorney-Client meeting_Memo to CAC_FINAL_2_24_26.pdf](#)

City Commission to recess and convene into a closed Attorney Client Session

III. ATTORNEY CLIENT SESSION:

III.1 Discussion Re: Special Closed Meeting of the City Commission for the purpose of discussing settlement negotiations and strategy related to the litigation expenditures in the matter of Rachel Hemmer v. City of Sarasota, Case No. 2024 CA 006193 NC, Circuit Court for Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for Sarasota County, Civil Division (CITIZENS COMMENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THIS ITEM)

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

[Amended Complaint.pdf](#)

III.2 Discussion Re: Special Closed Meeting of the City Commission for the purpose of discussing settlement negotiations and strategy related to the litigation expenditures in the matter of Edward Stankey v. City of Sarasota, Case No. 2023 CA 002096 NC, Circuit Court for Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for Sarasota County, Civil Division (CITIZENS COMMENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THIS ITEM)

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

[2nd Amended Complaint \(1\).pdf](#)

III.3 Discussion Re: Special Closed Meeting of the City Commission for the purpose of discussing settlement negotiations and strategy related to the litigation expenditures in the matter of Christian Ziegler v. City of Sarasota, Case No. 2024 CA 1409 NC, Circuit Court for Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for Sarasota County, Civil Division (This particular attorney-client meeting concerns the Intervenor Defendants' Crossclaims asserted by Gannett, Nexstar, Scripts, Times Publishing, FLCGA, and Barfield v. City of Sarasota concerning allegations of violations of Florida's Public Records laws by the City in responding to public records requests regarding the investigation of Mr. Ziegler) (CITIZENS COMMENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THIS ITEM)

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

[Crossclaims_FLCGA.pdf](#)

[Crossclaims_Barfield.pdf](#)

[Crossclaims_News Media.pdf](#)

Attorney Client Session to adjourn and reconvene into Special City Commission meeting

IV. ADJOURN

MEETING NOTICE

Meeting Notice

[3-5-26 Special Out of Sunshine Meeting Notice.pdf](#)

CITY COMMISSION RULES OF PROCEDURE

City Commission Rules of Procedure
[RulesofProcedure April 2025.pdf](#)



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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.

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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