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Mayor



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Commissioner Kyle Battie  
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### **SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2025**

**WELCOME** to a Special 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.

**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.

**If you wish to address the Commission, you have the option of speaking during the "Citizens' Input" portion of the Agenda or at the time of a particular agenda item. Please fill out a "Request To Speak" Form.** These forms are located on the table at the back of the Commission Chambers. Fill out the form completely and place it in the box on the table. Please indicate which option you choose by checking the appropriate box on the "Request to Speak" Form. **Agenda Items for which citizens' comments are not permitted are noted in the left margin of the Agenda.** In general, these will be items on which a public hearing has previously been held. **If you wish to speak on a topic concerning the City that is not on the Agenda,** please indicate the subject you wish to discuss on the "Request To Speak" Form. When your name is called, please come to the Commission table and first state your name for the record. **Please remember that there is a time limit of three minutes.**

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**  
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## **AGENDA**

**SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

**September 3, 2025**

**CITY HALL**

**City Commission Chambers  
5:30 PM**

**1565 First Street  
Sarasota, Florida**

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**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**INVOCATION**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PLEDGE OF PUBLIC CONDUCT**

**I. CITIZEN'S 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) Citizen's 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 Public Hearing Re: Proposed Resolution No. 25R-3339, certifying to the Property Appraiser and the Tax Collector of Sarasota County, the rates of millage to be levied by the City of Sarasota, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025; establishing the City of Sarasota's General Fund Operating Millage at 3.3000 which contributes to an aggregate millage rate for the City of Sarasota that is 13.87 percent higher than the aggregate rolled-back millage rate of 2.9573; establishing the City of Sarasota's debt service millage at 0.1348; etc. (Title Only)

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

[Budget - 1st Public Hearing 9-3-25.pdf](#)

- II.2 Public Hearing Re: Proposed Resolution No. 25R-3340, approving a Budget; and making appropriations of sums of money for all expenditures of the City of Sarasota, for the fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2025 and ending on September 30, 2026 prescribing the terms, conditions and provisions with respect to the items of appropriation and their payment; providing for supplemental appropriations and re-appropriations; providing for the severability of parts hereof if declared invalid, etc. (Title Only)  
[II.2 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)  
[b\\_25R-3340\\_ Budget ResolutionCity.pdf](#)
- II.3 Public Hearing Re: Proposed Resolution No. 25R-3341, certifying to the Property Appraiser and the Tax Collector of Sarasota County, the rates of millage to be levied by the City of Sarasota within the Golden Gate Point Streetscape Special District, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025; establishing the Golden Gate Point Streetscape Special District's operating millage at 0.6148 which contributes to an aggregate millage rate for the City of Sarasota that is 13.87 percent higher than the aggregate rolled-back millage rate of 2.9573; establishing the Golden Gate Point Streetscape Special District's debt service millage at 0.5899; etc. (Title Only)  
[II.3 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)  
[e\\_25R-3341\\_Millage ResolutionGoldenGate.pdf](#)
- II.4 Public Hearing Re: Proposed Resolution No. 25R-3342, approving a Budget; and making appropriations of sums of money for all expenditures of the Golden Gate Point Streetscape Special District for the fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2025 and ending on September 30, 2026 prescribing the terms, conditions and provisions with respect to the items of appropriation and their payment; providing for supplemental appropriations and re-appropriations; providing for the severability of parts hereof if declared invalid, etc. (Title Only)  
[II.4 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)  
[f\\_25R-3342\\_ Budget ResolutionGoldenGate.pdf](#)
- II.5 Public Hearing Re: Proposed Resolution No. 25R-3343, certifying to the Property Appraiser and the Tax Collector of Sarasota County, the rates of millage to be levied by the City of Sarasota within the Downtown Improvement District, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025; establishing the Downtown Improvement District operating millage at 2.0000 which contributes to an aggregate millage rate for the City of Sarasota that is 13.87 percent higher than the aggregate rolled-back millage rate of 2.9573, etc. (Title Only)  
[II.5 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)  
[g\\_25R-3343\\_Millage ResolutionDID.pdf](#)
- II.6 Public Hearing Re: Proposed Resolution No. 25R-3344, approving a Budget; and making appropriations of sums of money for all expenditures of the Downtown Improvement District for the fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2025 and ending on September 30, 2026 prescribing the terms, conditions and provisions with respect to the items of appropriation and their payment; providing for supplemental appropriations and re-appropriations; providing for the severability of parts hereof if declared invalid, etc. (Title Only)

[II.6 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)  
[h\\_25R-3344\\_Budget ResolutionDID.pdf](#)

**III. OTHER MATTERS/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS:**

**IV. ADJOURN**

**MEETING NOTICE**

Meeting Notice  
[9-3-25 Special Meeting Notice.pdf](#)

**CITY COMMISSION RULES OF PROCEDURE**

City Commission Rules of Procedure  
[CC.RulesofProcedure.AdoptedApril72025.pdf](#)



## Notice to the Public

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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](mailto: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.

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**Shayla Griggs**  
City Auditor and Clerk