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Mayor



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REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING OF FEBRUARY 17, 2026

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.

DEBBIE TRICE
Mayor



AGENDA

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

February 17, 2026

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: Employee of the Month for February 2026
 - [I.1 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)
 - [Employee of the Month February 2026.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

PLEDGE OF PUBLIC CONDUCT

III. CITIZENS' INPUT CONCERNING CITY TOPICS:

(Limited to 30 minutes)

Note to the Public:

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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.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Citizens' comments are not permitted on Approval of the Minutes items.

IV.1 Approval Re: Minutes of the Special Sarasota City Commission Meeting of January 05, 2026 (CITIZENS COMMENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THIS ITEM)

[IV.1 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)
[26-01-05 Attorney-Client.FINAL.pdf](#)

IV.2 Approval Re: Minutes of the Special Joint Meeting of the Convocation of Governments of the Sarasota Board of County Commissioners, the City Commissions of the Cities of North Port and Sarasota, the City Council of the City of Venice, the Town Commission of the Town of Longboat Key, and the School Board of Sarasota County of January 16, 2026 (CITIZENS COMMENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THIS ITEM)

[IV.2 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)
[26-01-16 Joint-Convocation \(COG\).FINAL.pdf](#)

IV.3 Approval Re: Minutes of the Regular Sarasota City Commission Meeting of January 20, 2026 (CITIZENS COMMENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THIS ITEM)

[IV.3 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)
[26-01-20 Regular.FINAL.pdf](#)

V. BOARD ACTIONS:

V.1 Report Re: General Employees' Defined Benefit Pension Plan (GEPP) Board of Trustees Annual Report

[V.1 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)
[General Employees Pension Plan Board Report.pdf](#)

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: Authorize the Mayor and the City Auditor and Clerk to execute the Agreement between the City of Sarasota and Plant Source Landscape and Restorations, Inc. (ITB 26-05SS) for Care and Maintenance of Landscape Beds in Downtown Sarasota

[VI.1 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)
[ITB 26-05SS - Back Up Material.pdf](#)

VI.2 Approval Re: Authorize the Mayor and the City Auditor and Clerk to execute the

Agreement for LED Lighting Services between the City of Sarasota and Sarasota Holiday Lighting, LLC. (ITB 25-51SS) for procurement, installation, maintenance, removal, and replacement of LED lights within the Downtown Sarasota
[VI.2 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)
[Back Up Materials LED Lighting Services.pdf](#)

VI.3 Approval Re: Authorize the Mayor and City Auditor and Clerk to execute the Fundraising Agreement between the City of Sarasota and Big Waters Land Trust for Improvements to the Nature Park at Bobby Jones Golf Club
[VI.3 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)
[Nature Park Fundraising Final Packet.pdf](#)

VI.4 Approval Re: Registration Request by Tillman FiberCo Florida LLC with the City of Sarasota prior to establishing facilities in the City's public Right-Of-Way (ROW)
[VI.4 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)
[Back Up for Tillman Fiber Co. Agenda 2.pdf](#)

VI.5 Approval Re: Authorize the Mayor and City Auditor and Clerk to execute the Agreement between City of Sarasota and Sequoia Construction Group, LLC (Bid No. 25-06JS) for Lift Station No. 2 Improvements in the amount of \$1,382,185.00
[VI.5 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)
[LS2Rehab.FullPacket.pdf](#)

VI.6 Approval Re: Authorize the Mayor and City Auditor and Clerk to execute the Agreement between the City of Sarasota and Odyssey Manufacturing Co. to provide liquid sodium hypochlorite on an as needed basis with an annual total estimated cost in the amount of \$600,000.00
[VI.6 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)
[FullPacket.OdysseyPiggyback.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. 26R-3378, amending the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 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 create a revenue and expenditure budget within the Special Revenue Grant Fund for a WCIND grant received in the amount of \$225,946.00 for Marine Patrol hours
[VII.1 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)
[Res 26R-3378 Backup 02.17.26.pdf](#)

VII.2 Adoption Re: Proposed Resolution No. 26R-3379, amending the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 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 create a revenue and expenditure budget within the Special Revenue Grant Fund for a WCIND

grant received in the amount of \$20,000.00 for Rapid Response and Removal

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

[Res 26R-3379 Backup 02.17.26.pdf](#)

VII.3 Adoption Re: Proposed Resolution No. 26R-3380, amending the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 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 an expenditure budget utilizing available fund balance in the amount of \$71,000.00 within the Equipment Replacement Fund for the purchase of a replacement vehicle for the Facilities Department

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

[Res 26R-3380 Backup 02-17-26.pdf](#)

VII.4 Adoption Re: Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance No. 26-5589, to rezone a portion of that certain parcel of real property totaling approximately 4.49 +/- acres located at the southwest corner of 21st Street and N. Osprey Avenue, with a street address of 1790 21st Street, from the Residential Multiple Family 2 (RMF-2) zone district to the Governmental (G) zone district; approving Site Plan Application No. 25-SP-02 to allow the replacement of an existing +/- 21,197 square-foot multi-purpose building with a new +/- 21,760 square-foot multi-purpose building, a covered play area, and a multi-purpose athletic field, all as more particularly set forth herein; and affirming Planning Board Approval of Major Conditional Use Application 25-CU-01 to allow community service uses, etc. (Title Only) (Application No. 25-SP-02, 25-CU-01, 25-RE-02) (Applicant Joel J. Freedman, AICP, as agent representing Boys & Girls Club of Sarasota and DeSoto Counties, Inc., lessee)

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

[Ordinance No. 26-5589 Backup.pdf](#)

VIII. BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

IX.1 Approval Re: Charter Official Evaluations

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

[Agenda Back-up Items for Performance Evaluations 1-30-26.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.

X.1 Public Hearing Re: Proposed Resolution No. 26R-3369, electing to use the Uniform Method of Collecting Non-Ad Valorem Assessments for more than one year levied in the South Poinsettia Park Neighborhood of the City to fund street light services and facilities; stating a need for such levy; providing for the mailing of this resolution; and providing for an effective date (Title Only) N/A

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

[Back Up Docs Resolution No 26R-3369 - SPPNA Lighting Assessment District.pdf](#)

X.2 Public Hearing Re: Proposed Resolution No. 26R-3374, electing to use the Uniform Method of collecting Non-Ad Valorem Assessments levied for more than one year within areas of the City including St. Armands Key and the incorporated area of Lido Key to fund capital improvements associated with the undergrounding of electrical, communications, and other utilities; stating a need for such levy; providing for the mailing of this Resolution; and providing for an effective date (Title Only) N/A

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

[Back Up Docs for Resolution No 26R-3374 - Undergrounding St Armands Key and Lido KeyAssessment District.pdf](#)

XI. QUASI-JUDICIAL 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.1 Public Hearing Re: Site Plan Application No. 24-SP-17 (24-CU-03), request for Site Plan and Major Conditional Use approval to construct an approximately 14,235 square foot building addition on the +/- 2.96-acre subject property with a street address of 1451 10th Street. The building addition will replace the two 2,600-square foot modular buildings that currently exist on the site and will include new offices, an expanded kitchen, and 34 treatment beds. The subject property has a Future Land Use classification of Urban Mixed-Use and is within the Governmental (G) zone district. Vehicular access is proposed to remain from 10th Street, as more particularly described in said applications; etc. (Title Only) (Application Nos. 24-SP-17, 24-CU-03) (Applicant Joel Freedman, AICP, as agent representing Lightshare Behavioral Wellness & Recovery, Lessee)

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

[Backup Material.pdf](#)

XII. NEW BUSINESS:

XII.1 Approval Re: Authorize the Mayor and City Auditor and Clerk to execute the Third Addendum and Restated Lease Agreement between the City of Sarasota and Lightshare Behavioral Wellness & Recovery, Inc.

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

[THIRD ADDENDUM AND RESTATED LEASE AGREEMENT BACKUP.pdf](#)

XII.2 Adoption Re: Proposed Resolution No. 26R-3372, establishing a Natural Disaster Collection (NDC) Reserve Financial Policy within the Solid Waste Fund; providing guidelines for the reserve's creation, funding, use, and replenishment, etc. (Title Only)

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

[Agenda_Backup_materials_for_City_Commission_meeting_2-17-2026_-_Natural_Disaster_Collection_Reserve.pdf](#)

XII.3 Presentation and Discussion Re: Stormwater Management in the City of Sarasota: Executive Summary and Annual Sarasota County Stormwater Utility Update; Technical Reference on Governance, Authority, and Basin-Based Systems

[XII.3 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)
[Back Up docs for Stormwater Management Presentation.pdf](#)

XIII. CITIZENS INPUT CONCERNING CITY TOPICS: (Limited to 30 minutes)

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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
[2-17-26 Regular Meeting Notice.pdf](#)

CITY COMMISSION RULES OF PROCEDURE

City Commission Rules of Procedure
[RulesofProcedure April 2025.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