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Mayor



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

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING OF AUGUST 4, 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



AGENDA

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

August 4, 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: Employee and Team of the Month for August 2025
[I.1 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)
[Agenda Request - August 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

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 Regular Sarasota City Commission Meeting of July 07, 2025 (CITIZENS COMMENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THIS ITEM)

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

[25-07-07 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: Authorize the Mayor to execute the Release and Termination of Easement Instrument No. 2012098986 for an existing East-West City of Sarasota Access Easement located on private property to facilitate development of Children First expansion

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

[Backup Materials - Release and Termination of Easement Instrument No. 2012098986 FINAL.pdf](#)

VI.2 Approval Re: Authorize the Mayor and the City Auditor and Clerk to execute the Agreement between the City of Sarasota and B&E Signal and Lighting, Inc. (ITB 25-25SP) for Traffic Signal Communications and Street Lights Installation Services. The City has spent \$2,731,238.98 for Traffic Signal Communications and Street Light Installation Services utilizing Agreement 20-25CM from July 12, 2020 through July 8, 2025

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

[ITB 25-25SP Back Up Documents 2.pdf](#)

VI.3 Approval Re: Authorize the Mayor and City Auditor and Clerk to execute the Agreement between the City of Sarasota and Spectrum Underground, Inc, for the North Lodge Dr. Lift Station 90 & Water Main Replacement project in the amount of \$797,998.85

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

[SpectrumCompleteAgendaPacketVersion.2.pdf](#)

VI.4 Approval Re: Authorize the Mayor and City Auditor and Clerk to execute the Agreement between the City of Sarasota and Spectrum Underground, Inc, for the Bird Key Dr. and North Shell Rd. Water Main Improvements project in the amount of \$951,817.35

[VI.4 Agenda Request Form.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-3336, 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 \$21,385.00 within the Special Revenue Fund allowing for reimbursement for overtime work for Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety High Visibility Enforcement and Support Grant

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

[Res 25R-3336_revised backup_08.04.25.pdf](#)

- VII.2 Adoption Re: Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance No. 25-5569, to vacate that certain 21,945 +/- square foot section of the approximately 40-foot wide unimproved 18th Street right-of-way, running East-West between 17th and 19th Streets and located immediately West of N. Orange Avenue; such section of unimproved right-of-way having been platted as a Street on the Woods Addition to Hillcrest Park plat; all as is more particularly described herein; providing for severability of the parts hereof; etc. (Title Only) (Application No. 24-SV-04, Applicant: Joel Freedman, AICP, as agent representing Children First Inc (Owner))

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

[Children First Backup Material \(24-SV-04\).pdf](#)

VIII. BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- IX.1 Discussion Re: City Manager Search Update

[IX.1 Agenda Request Form.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 Ordinance No. 25-5573, amending the Future Land Use Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Sarasota [aka the Sarasota City Plan] to change the Future Land Use Map Classification of an approximately 10.05 +/-acre parcel of real property located on the northwest corner of the Tuttle Avenue and Bahia Vista Street intersection, from the Community Office/Institutional Future Land Use Map Classification to the Multiple Family - High Density Future Land Use Map Classification, in accordance with Comprehensive Plan Amendment Application No. 24-PA-02; repealing ordinances in conflict; providing for the severability of the parts hereof, etc. (Title

Only) (Application No. 24-PA-02) (Applicant: Joel Freedman, AICP, as agent representing Gilbane Development Company, contract purchaser)

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

[24-PA-02, 1050 S Tuttle Ave, Temple Beth Redevelopment.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: Proposed Ordinance No. 25-5574 to rezone that certain parcel of real property totaling approximately 10.05+/- acres located on the northwest corner of the Tuttle Avenue and Bahia Vista Street intersection from the Medical Charitable Institutional (MCI) zone district to the Residential Multiple Family 7 (RMF-7) zone district; approving Site Plan Application No. 25-SP-06 to allow construction of a new 275-unit multifamily residential building that includes 32 attainable units (previously 20 attainable units were proposed), with structured parking and amenities upon the rezoned real property; all as more particularly set forth herein; etc. (Title Only) (Application Nos. 25-SP-06, 25-RE-04) (Applicant Joel Freedman, AICP, as agent representing Gilbane Development Company, Contract Purchaser)

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

[Ordinance No. 25-5574 Backup Materials.pdf](#)

XII. NEW BUSINESS:

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:

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MEETING NOTICE

Meeting Notice

[8-4-25 Regular Meeting Notice.pdf](#)

[8-4-25 Additional Backup Material Notice.pdf](#)

CITY COMMISSION RULES OF PROCEDURE



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