

Liz Alpert
Mayor



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

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 15, 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

September 15, 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:

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: In accordance with Florida State Statutes 316.0083, the Sarasota Police Department will present the 2024 Annual Report for the Intersection Safety Program

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

- II.2 Presentation Re: In accordance with Florida State Statutes 316.0083, the Sarasota Police Department will present the 2024 Annual Report for the School Zone Safety Program

[II.2 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)
[School Zone CCM.pdf](#)

PLEDGE OF PUBLIC CONDUCT

III. 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.

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 August 11, 2025 (CITIZENS COMMENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THIS ITEM)

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

[25-08-11 Attorney-Client.FINAL.pdf](#)

IV.2 Approval Re: Minutes of the Regular Sarasota City Commission Meeting of August 18, 2025 (CITIZENS COMMENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THIS ITEM)

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

[25-08-18 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: Authorizing the Settlement Agreements regarding Nation Prescription Opiate Litigation

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

[Backup Materials.pdf](#)

VI.2 Approval Re: Authorize the Mayor and City Auditor and Clerk to execute the Fourth Amendment and Fifth Extension of the lease agreement between the City of Sarasota and Sarasota Bay Estuary Program for lease of office space in the Federal Building located 111 S Orange Avenue

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

[Back Up Material - Sarasota Bay Estuary Program request to extend lease.pdf](#)

VI.3 Approval Re: Authorize the Mayor and City Auditor and Clerk to execute the First Amendment to Agreement between the City of Sarasota and Hostetler Lawncare,

Inc. (ITB 23-09PB) for Citywide Irrigation Design, Installation, Maintenance and Repair Services at approximately \$100,000.00 annually

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

[Agenda Packet Bid No. 23-09PB Hostetler.pdf](#)

- VI.4 Approval Re: Renewal Request by Level 3 Communications, LLC and TelCove Operations, LLC establishing a right to apply for a permit for placing facilities in the City's public right-of-way

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

[Back Up Documents Renewal Request by Level 3 Communications, LLC and TelCove Operations, LLC.pdf](#)

- VI.5 Approval Re: Authorize the Mayor and the City Auditor and Clerk to execute the Agreement between the City of Sarasota and Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC (ITB 25-12HR) for Construction Services Related to Infrastructure Repairs and Resiliency

[VI.5 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)

[ITB 25-12HR_Agenda Backup.pdf](#)

- VI.6 Approval Re: Authorize the Mayor and City Auditor and Clerk to execute the Non-Exclusive Utilities Easement between the City of Sarasota and BPOZ 1991 Main, LLC. upon real property located at the southwest corner of N Links Ave. and Main Street

[VI.6 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)

[AgendaPacket.BPOZ.Easement.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-3352, 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 create an expense budget within the Law Enforcement trust fund totaling \$135,000.00, to cover costs of additional scope of work on the mobile command post, leased vehicles, and other services and equipment needed

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

[01_Res 25R-3352 Resolution 09-15-25.pdf](#)

- VII.2 Adoption Re: Proposed Resolution No. 25R-3353, 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 create a revenue and expense budget within the Law Enforcement trust fund totaling \$6,250.00 to donate funds to qualified organizations that meet requirements outlined in F.S. 932.7055

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

- VII.3 Adoption Re: Proposed Resolution No. 25R-3354, 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 create a revenue and expense budget within the Special Revenue Grant Fund in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the replacement of two drones under the Drone Replacement Program, with no match required

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

[01_Res 25R-3354 Resolution 09-15-25.pdf](#)

- VII.4 Adoption Re: Proposed Resolution No. 25R-3355, 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 create a revenue and expense budget within the Special Revenue Grant Fund in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, these funds will be for the Smart City Initiative Project

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

[01_Res 25R-3355 Resolution 09-15-25.pdf](#)

VIII. BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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. 25R-3346, certifying that Sarasota County Agricultural Fairgrounds serves a public purpose, etc. (Title Only)

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

[Back-up.pdf](#)

- X.2 Public Hearing Re: Proposed Ordinance No. 25-5578, adopting a Table of Organization for City Government for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 as required by City Charter; providing for the severability of the parts hereof, etc. (Title Only)

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

[AGENDA REQUEST BACK UP ITEMS FOR PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO.25-5578 1.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. 25-5579, to rezone that certain parcel of real property totaling approximately 1.27 +/- acres located on the south side of Alderman Street, bordered by Hudson Avenue to the west, Pine Tree Lane to the south, and Rowe Place to east, from the Residential Multiple Family 5 (RMF-5) Zone District to the Downtown Edge (DTE) Zone District; all as more

particularly set forth herein, etc. (Title Only) (Application No. 25-REN-03) (Applicant Patrick Seidensticker, Esq., as agent representing Alderman Oaks Retirement Center Inc., owner)

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

[Agenda Item Backup.pdf](#)

- XI.2 Public Hearing Re: Proposed Ordinance 25-5580, to rezone that certain vacant parcel of real property totally approximately 1.35 acres +/- located at the southwest corner of Aspinwall Street and Rhodes Avenue, with a street address of 351 N. Rhodes Avenue, from the Office Regional District (ORD) to the Urban Mix-Use # 1 (MU-#1) Zone District; approving Site Application Application No. 24-SP-11 to allow construction of 17-unit single-family attached townhome development to be platted as individual lots upon the rezoned real property; all as more particularly set forth herein, etc. (Title only) (Application Nos. 24-RE-02, 24-SP-11, 24-SUB-02) (Applicant: Joel J. Freedman, Registered Agent of Habitat for Humanity Sarasota, owner)

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

[Agenda Item Backup.pdf](#)

XII. NEW BUSINESS:

- XII.1 Presentation Re: 2025 State Legislative End of Session Report and Discussion of City of Sarasota 2026 State Legislative Priorities

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

[Cover Page End of Session Report and State Legislative Priorities FY26 - Draft.pdf](#)

- XII.2 Appeal Re: Planning Board decision of August 7, 2025, which approved Site Plan Application No. 25-SP-09 to permit the redevelopment of approximately 3.96 acres of the 14.73 acre Selby Botanical Garden site at 1534 Mound Street, as more particularly described herein (Application No. 25-APP-05, Applicant: Kelly Franklin (Appellant))

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

[Backup Material for 25-APP-05.pdf](#)

- XII.3 Discussion Re: City Commission Strategic Planning Process

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

[City Commission Strategic Planning Process Backup Material.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

[9-15-25 Regular Meeting Notice.pdf](#)

CITY COMMISSION RULES OF PROCEDURE

City Commission Rules of Procedure

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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