Liz Alpert
Mayor

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

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING OF JULY 21, 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 | **July 21, 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 Proclamation Re: City of Sarasota Legacy Businesses
I.1 Agenda Request Form.pdf
CCM_07.21.25_Proclamation_Legacy_Business_Backup.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

II.1 Presentation Re: FPL Storm presentation for Storm Secure Underground Program
II.1 Agenda Request Form.pdf
SSUP-City of Sarasota Overview 7-21-25.pdf

II.2 Presentation Re: Colson Hotel Updates
II.2 Agenda Request Form.pdf
20250721 - The Colson (City Commission Update).pdf

PLEDGE OF PUBLIC CONDUCT

III. CITIZENS' INPUT CONCERNING CITY TOPICS:

(Limited to 30 minutes)

Note to the Public:

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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 May 19, 2025 (CITIZENS COMMENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THIS ITEM)
IV.1 Agenda Request Form.pdf
25-05-19 Regular.FINAL.pdf

IV.2 Approval Re: Minutes of the Special Sarasota City Commission Meeting of May 20, 2025 (CITIZENS COMMENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THIS ITEM)
IV.2 Agenda Request Form.pdf
25-05-20 Special.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 and City Auditor and Clerk to execute the Proposed Amended Employment Agreement for City Auditor and Clerk Griggs
VI.1. Agenda Request Form.pdf
Griggs Amendment to Executed Contract.pdf

VI.2 Receive and Accept Re: Annual Floodplain Management Plan (FMP) Evaluation and Status Update for 2024
VI.1 Agenda Request Form.pdf
2024 FLOODPLAIN_MANAGEMENT_PLAN_BACK-UP_MATERIAL.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: Affirmation of Planning Board Resolution recommending approval of Major Conditional Use Application No. 24-CU-02 to allow a Yacht Club to operate within the proposed building in the Residential Single Family 1 (RSF-1) Zone District, as a yacht club requires a Major Conditional Use Approval; approving Site Plan Application No. 24-SP-16 regarding said use; providing for conditions of approval; and providing for an effective date. Site Plan Application No. 24-SP-16 includes construction of a new yacht club building, outdoor deck and pool area, tennis center building, tennis court, and repaved parking area; all upon real property located at 301 Bird Key Drive (Application Nos. 24-CU-02 and 24-SP-16, Applicant: Joel J. Freedman, AICP, as agent representing Bird Key Yacht Club, Inc., owner)
VII.1 Agenda Request Form.pdf
Agenda Item Backup.pdf

VIII. BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

VIII.1 Appointment Re: General Employees Pension Fund Board of Trustees
VIII.1 Agenda Request Form.pdf
General Employees Pension Fund Board of Trustees.pdf

VIII.2 Appointment Re: Public Art Committee STAR Program Member
VIII.2 Agenda Request Form.pdf
Public Art Committee STAR Student.pdf

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

IX.1 Discussion Re: City Manager Search Update
IX.1 Agenda Request Form.pdf
City Manager Search 7-21-25 Addl Backup.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. 25-5560, providing that Chapter 34.5 of the City Code, entitled Vacation Rentals, shall be amended as more fully described herein; including but not limited to providing that the City may request supplemental information to complete processing a request for change in designated responsible party; deleting requirement to provide proof of county local business tax upon registration; requiring a map with emergency evacuation route be placed in vacation rentals; requiring inspections to be scheduled within 30 days of filing applications; providing for non-refundable fees; providing that the failure to notify the city of a change in the designation of the "designated responsible party" shall be a violation of the vacation rental ordinance; clarifying that advertising includes online advertising; and amending and restating Ordinance 24-5506; all as more fully specified herein; providing for the severability of the parts hereof, etc. (Title Only)
X.1 Agenda Request Form.pdf
VR Proposed Ordinance No. 25-5560 BACKUP.pdf

CC Meeting Ord 25-5560 7.21.2025 - Final Draft.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 Resolution No. 25R-3335, granting a special permit pursuant to Section VII-1304, City of Sarasota Zoning Code (2002 Edition) to construct a seawall and necessary appurtenances on the real property located at 3730 Bayou Louise Lane, as described more particularly herein, etc. (Title Only)
XI.1 Agenda Request Form.pdf
Agenda Item Backup.pdf
3730 Bayou Lousie - Project Presentation

XI.2 Public Hearing Re: Proposed Ordinance No. 25-5570, approving Rezone Ordinance Amendment Application 24-ROA-02 to amend Rezone Ordinance 08-4824, which rezoned real property located between the waters of Sarasota Bay and John Ringling Boulevard with a street address of 1100 John Ringling Boulevard; also known as the Sarasota Yacht Club, subject to all future development being in compliance with approved Site Plan 08-SP-16; affirming Planning Board approval of Minor Conditional Use Application 24-MCU-03 to allow an expansion of the existing Sarasota Yacht Club; and approving Site Plan Application 24-SP-12 to allow construction of a new 3 story building with ground floor in structure parking; expansion of the existing clubhouse and structured parking and an addition to the existing outside dining deck area; all as more particularly set forth herein, etc. (Title Only) (Application Nos. 24-ROA-02, 24-MCU-03, 24-SP-12) (Applicant Joel J. Freedman, AICP, as agent representing Sarasota Yacht Club, property owner)
XI.2 Agenda Request Form.pdf
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XI.3 Public Hearing Re: Proposed Ordinance No. 25-5571, approving Rezone Ordinance Amendment Application 22-ROA-01 to amend Rezone Ordinance 16-5180, which rezoned real property on the west side of the North Tamiami Trail just south of Whittaker Bayou to the North Trail Zone District subject to all future development being in compliance with approved Site Plan 16-SP-06 which site plan applied both the rezoned property and to a parcel of adjacent property located at 1715 North Tamiami Trail; approving Site Plan Application 22-SP-09 to construct a 58 unit residential multiple family development in two buildings, with one building to be located at 1715 North Tamiami Trail and another building to be located at 1701 North Tamiami Trail; all as more particularly set forth herein, etc. (Title Only) (Application Nos. 22-ROA-01, 22-SP-09) (Applicant Joel J. Freedman, AICP, as agent representing Tammy II, LLC, property owner)
XI.3 Agenda Request Form.pdf
Agenda Item Backup.pdf

XII. NEW BUSINESS:

XII.1 Discussion Re: Advisory Board Presentations and Updates with the City Commission

XII.1 Agenda Request Form.pdf
Sec. 2-259.Reporting and review of board activities..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
7-21-25 Additional Backup Material Notice.pdf
7-21-25 Regular Meeting Notice.pdf

CITY COMMISSION RULES OF PROCEDURE

City Commission Rules of Procedure
CC.RulesofProcedure.AdoptedApril72025.pdf

ECOMMENTS, REQUEST TO SPEAK CARDS & ITEMS RECEIVED AT THE MEETING

ECOMMENTS, REQUEST TO SPEAK CARDS & ITEMS RECEIVED AT THE MEETING
July 21, 2025 Regular Mtg eComments.pdf
July 21, 2025 Regular Mtg Speaker Cards.pdf
July 21, 2025 Regular Mtg Items Received.pdf

Notice to the Public

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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, 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