



DATE: February 24, 2026

TO: Mayor Debbie Trice
Vice Mayor Kathy Kelley Ohlrich
Commissioner Jen Ahearn-Koch
Commissioner Liz Alpert
Commissioner Kyle Battie

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the City Commission shall be held as authorized by Article III, Section 9(b), of the City Charter, on **Friday, February 27, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.**, in the Commission Chambers, City Hall, 1565 1st Street, Sarasota, Florida, for the purpose of Discussion of City Manager Search Selection Preferred Finalist and Conditional Offer, and Contract Negotiation, if applicable; and any other matters that may come before the body.

Individuals who wish to participate in the Special City Commission Meeting in person may do so by coming to City Hall. Individuals who prefer to participate remotely in the Special City Commission meeting may obtain instructions to participate via zoom by emailing clerk@sarasotafl.gov with your request **no later than the deadline of 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 26, 2026**. Individuals may provide written comments for agenda items which allow citizens input up until 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting by utilizing the eComments link next to the published agenda on the [Upcoming Events](#) webpage accessible through the City of Sarasota website by clicking on "Meetings/Agendas/Video" from the main page.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Shayla Griggs
City Auditor and Clerk

c: Dave Bullock, Interim City Manager
Joe Polzak, City Attorney
Pat Robinson, Deputy City Manager
Lori Rivers, Deputy City Auditor and Clerk
James Johnson, Coordinator Commission Reporter
Miles Larsen, Manager, Public Broadcasting
John Nopper, Government Access, Program Coordinator
Chief Rex Troche, Police Department
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Debbie Trice
Mayor



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SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING OF FEBRUARY 27, 2026

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.

DEBBIE TRICE
Mayor



AGENDA

SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING

February 27, 2026

CITY HALL

**City Commission Chambers
1:00 PM**

**1565 First Street
Sarasota, Florida**

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 Discussion Re: City Manager Search Selection, Conditional Offer, and Contract Negotiation

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

[CITY MANAGER RECRUITMENT PROCESS Updated 2-24-26.pdf](#)

III. OTHER MATTERS/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS:

IV. ADJOURN

MEETING NOTICE

Meeting Notice
[2-27-26 Special 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, audiotope, 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 three 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