



DATE: December 18, 2025

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 **Monday, January 5, 2026, immediately following the conclusion of the Regular Meeting, in the Commission Chambers, City Hall, 1565 First Street, Sarasota, FL** to recess into an Attorney-Client session in accordance with Section 286.011(8), Florida Statutes, and then reconvene into the Special Meeting to consider any action to be taken regarding the pending litigation referenced below and any other matters that may come before the Body.

Pursuant to a request by the City Attorney, the City Commission will meet in the Attorney-Client session for the purpose of discussing settlement negotiations and strategy related to litigation expenditures in the matters in Circuit Court for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for Sarasota County, Civil Division, as follows: *Doneisha Stanley v. City of Sarasota*, Case No. 2024 CA 003177

The following individuals are expected to attend the Attorney-Client session: Mayor Debbie Trice, Vice Mayor Kathy Kelley Ohlrich and Commissioners Jen Ahearn-Koch, Liz Alpert and Kyle Battie, Interim City Manager David Bullock (or designee), City Attorney Joseph P. Polzak, Deputy City Attorney Joe Mladinich, and a certified court reporter. Following the Attorney-client session, the City Commission will reconvene back to the Special Meeting.

Individuals who wish to provide input on city topics not on the agenda in person may do so by coming to City Hall. Individuals may provide written comments for city topics not on the agenda 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: David Bullock, Interim City Manager
Joseph Polzak, City Attorney
Pat Robinson, Deputy City Manager
Lori Rivers, Deputy City Auditor and Clerk
Jameese Johnson, Commission Reporter Coordinator
Miles Larsen, Manager, Public Broadcasting
John Nopper, Government Access, Program Coordinator
Chief Rex Troche, Police Department
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AGENDA

SPECIAL (ATTORNEY CLIENT SESSION) CITY COMMISSION MEETING

January 5, 2026

CITY HALL

**City Commission Chambers
immediately following
conclusion of Regular Meeting**

**1565 First Street
Sarasota, Florida**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- I. 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.

II. AGENDA ITEMS:

- II.1** Introduction Re: Special Closed Meeting of the City Commission for the purpose of discussing settlement negotiations and strategy related to the litigation expenditures in the matter of Doneisha Stanley v. City of Sarasota, Case No. 2024 CA 003177. Circuit Court for Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for Sarasota County, Civil Division (CITIZENS COMMENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THIS ITEM)
[II.1 Agenda Request Form.pdf](#)
[Attorney-Client meeting_Memo to CAC_FINAL \(002\).pdf](#)

City Commission to recess and convene into a closed Attorney Client Session

III. ATTORNEY CLIENT SESSION:

- III.1 Discussion Re: Special Closed Meeting of the City Commission for the purpose of discussing settlement negotiations and strategy related to the litigation expenditures in the matter of Doneisha Stanley v. City of Sarasota, Case No. 2024 CA 003177. Circuit Court for Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for Sarasota County, Civil Division (CITIZENS COMMENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THIS ITEM)

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

Attorney Client Session to adjourn and reconvene into Special City Commission meeting

IV. ADJOURN

MEETING NOTICE

Meeting Notice

[1-5-26 Special Out of Sunshine Meeting Notice.pdf](#)

CITY COMMISSION RULES OF PROCEDURE

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[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