

**CARROLLTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AND WORKSESSION
APRIL 15, 2025**

The City Council of the City of Carrollton, Texas convened in a Regular Meeting and Worksession on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 5:45 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Steve Babick, Mayor Pro Tem Richard Fleming, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Axberg, Councilmembers Nancy Cline, Jason Carpenter, Andrew Palacios, Daisy Palomo, and Rowena Watters. Also present were City Manager Erin Rinehart, Assistant City Manager Chrystal Davis, Assistant City Manager Shannon Hicks, City Attorney Meredith Ladd and City Secretary Chloe Sawatzky.

5:45 P.M. – COUNCIL BRIEFING ROOM

*****PRE-MEETING *****

Mayor Babick called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

1. Receive information and discuss Agenda.

Agenda items were reviewed. Staff responded to Council's questions.

*****EXECUTIVE SESSION*****

2. Council will convene into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code:
 - **Section 551.071** for private consultation with the City Attorney to seek legal advice with respect to pending and contemplated litigation and including all matters on this agenda to which the City Attorney has a duty under the Texas Rules of Discipline and Professional Conduct regarding confidential communication with the City Council.
3. Council will reconvene in Open Session to consider action, if any, on matters discussed in the Executive Session.

Executive Session was not convened.

*****WORKSESSION*****

4. Receive Briefing on Lewisville Schools Bond Election.

Dr. Lori Rapp, Lewisville Independent School District Superintendent, provided an update on the 2023 LISD Bond Election and also provided statistical data on the District.

Dr. Rapp stated that LISD is one of the top 20 largest districts in the state. With over 47,000 students it covers 127 square miles and has 69 campuses. Statistics for the Class of 2024 were reviewed and demographics were provided. She stated that declining enrollment and lack of increases in state funding over the past several years prompted the District to establish a Community Efficiency Committee to evaluate the potential for closing some elementary campuses. As a result, five campuses will close after the current school year ends.

Dr. Rapp provided a video reflecting the uses of some of the bond funds approved in the 2023 election. It included playground equipment, furniture, flooring, casework, technology updates, and other facility improvements. Information on the tax rate supporting the bond sale was provided.

Dr. Rapp advised that the state Legislature is considering school funding in this current session. She advised that the basic allotment per student needs to be increased by \$1,340 to support students in the future.

Clarifying questions were raised by Council regarding the percentage of economically disadvantaged students (those who qualify for free or reduced lunches) and inflationary impacts. Mayor Babick inquired about how the Career Center successes are measured. Dr. Rapp stated that it is based on the number of industry based certifications received by students in the career centers. She noted that some students will go directly into a career and others will go on to enroll in related college degree programs.

Discussion regarding the criteria used to evaluate school closings followed. Dr. Rapp advised that ten criteria were used in the evaluation process and the results were posted online.

5. Receive Information From Community Group Regarding Juneteenth.

Mayor Pro Tem Richard Fleming advised that a Juneteenth Committee was formed consisting of 13 volunteers from the community. He provided a list of their names and expressed his appreciation, adding that the group has met four times.

Mayor Pro Tem Fleming advised that that two events have been planned as follows:

- 1) “Juneteenth- Telling Your Story” at the Carrollton Josey Ranch Library; June 15th, 1-3 p.m.
- 2) “Juneteenth Celebration Food and Jazz Concert” at the Downtown Square; June 21st, 5 p.m.

The concert is being held in conjunction with the Shirley Demus-Tarpley Philanthropic Organization.

6. Mayor and Council Reports And Information Sharing.

Council reviewed their recent activities and upcoming events.

Mayor Babick stated that a work session is being planned to brief the Council regarding Transit 2.0 by the Council of Governments (COG) and DART. The date is pending. He also described some handouts provided to the Council.

Diana Vaughn, Chief Financial Officer, provided an update on the March 4th storm debris collection efforts.

Worksession concluded at 6:51p.m.

*****REGULAR MEETING 7:00 P.M.*****

Mayor Babick called the Regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION – Councilmember Rowena Watters

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Guest, Jordan Bass, Scout

PRESENTATIONS

7. Present **Recognition To Creekview High School Law And Criminal Justice Academy Students For Qualifying For The National Judicial Competition For YMCA.**

Mayor Babick read a proclamation recognizing ten students from the Creekview High School Law And Criminal Justice Academy for qualifying for the National Judicial Competition For YMCA. Students will compete in Minnesota in July. Carrollton's Judge Lyon also offered congratulatory comments.

8. Present **A Proclamation To The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 597 Recognizing Military Children.**

Mayor Babick read a proclamation recognizing April 2025 as:

"Month of The Military Child"

He presented the proclamation to members of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 597.

9. Present **Certificate To The Mayor's Spotlight Award Recipient.**

Mayor Babick provided background information on this award and recognized Western Extrusions Corporation for their contributions in the City of Carrollton. CEO Bennett McAvoy spoke in appreciation of the award.

10. Present **Recognitions To The Citizens Government Academy Graduating Class Of 2025.**

Mayor Babick said that this year the inaugural Citizens Government Academy was held. He provided an overview of the various classes attended by 14 enrollees. The classes provided information regarding the city's operations in various departments. The graduates were recognized and received a certificate.

PUBLIC COMMENT

11. **Hearing of any citizen/visitor on items listed on the regular meeting agenda. Citizens wishing to address the Council regarding items not on the posted agenda will be called to speak during the Public Forum.**

Citizens/visitors should complete an appearance card located on the table at the entrance to the City Council Chambers. Speakers must address their comments to the presiding officer rather than to individual Council members or staff; Stand at the podium, speak clearly into the microphone and state your name and address prior to beginning your remarks; Speakers will be allowed between 2 and 5 minutes for testimony; Speakers making personal, impertinent, profane or slanderous remarks may be removed from the room; Unauthorized remarks from the audience, stamping of feet, whistles, yells, clapping, and similar demonstrations will not be permitted; No placards, banners or signs will be permitted in the Chambers or in any other room in which the Council is meeting. In accordance with the State Open Meetings Act, the City Council is restricted from discussing or taking action on items not listed on the agenda. Action can only be taken at a future meeting.

Mayor Babick opened and closed the public comment period with no one wishing to speak.

CONSENT AGENDA

*(*All items marked with a single asterisk are part of a Consent Agenda and require no deliberation by the Council. Each Council member has the prerogative of removing an item from this agenda so that it may be considered separately. Contracts and agreements are available in the City Secretary's Office.)*

Councilmember Cline moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 12-23; second by Councilmember Palacios. The motion was approved with a unanimous 7-0 vote.

MINUTES

***12. Consider Approval Of The March 25, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.**

***13. Consider Approval Of The April 1, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.**

CONTRACTS & AGREEMENTS

***14. Consider Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With Charlesworth Consulting, LLC Pursuant To RFP #25-029 For Risk Management Consulting Services In An Amount Not To Exceed \$59,895.00 Annually, For A Total Three-Year Contract Amount Not To Exceed \$179,685.00.**

***15. Consider Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With Lowe's Home Centers, LLC Through An Interlocal Agreement With Omnia Purchasing Cooperative In An Amount Not To Exceed \$80,000.00 Annually.**

***16. Consider Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With Medium Giant Company, Inc. d/b/a Dallas Morning News Pursuant To RFP #25-004 For Newspaper Legal Advertising and Public Notice Services In An Amount Not To Exceed \$213,000.00 Annually, For A Total Four-Year Contract Amount Not To Exceed \$852,000.00.**

***17. Consider Authorizing The City Manager to Enter Into An Agreement With ICOS Management, LLC Through An Interlocal Agreement With TXShare Cooperative Purchasing Program And The North Central Texas Council Of Governments For Crack And Joint Sealing Services In An Amount Not To Exceed \$499,375.40.**

***18. Consider Authorizing The City Manager To Execute An Agreement Ratifying The Expenditure For Repairs At Oak Creek Tennis Center And Woodlake Tennis Courts By Latham Fence Through An Inter-Local Agreement With The City Of Hurst In An Amount Not To Exceed \$87,300.00.**

RESOLUTIONS

***19. Consider A Resolution Appointing Forvis Mazars, LLP as the City of Carrollton's Independent Auditor and Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into A Professional Services Contract With Forvis Mazars, LLP To Provide Independent Auditing Services In An Amount Not to Exceed \$150,000.00.**

- *20. Consider A Resolution Designating “The Dallas Morning News,” A Publication Owned By Medium Giant Inc., d/b/a The Dallas Morning News As The Official Newspaper For Publication Of Matters Pertaining To The City Of Carrollton.**
- *21. Consider A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Negotiate And Execute Professional Services Contracts With JLL Valuation And Advisory Services, LLC And Angel Valuation Services, LP For Appraisal Services In An Aggregate Amount Not To Exceed \$150,000.00.**
- *22. Consider A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With Carrollton Farmers Branch Independent School District (CFBISD) For Installing Fiber Optics On City Property.**

OTHER BUSINESS

- *23. Consider Adopting The Community Funding Policy.**

Consent Agenda Item 24 was addressed separately.

- *24. Consider A Written Request For City Council To Waive The 12-Month Waiting Period And Allow A New Special Use Permit Application For A Short-Term Rental Previously Denied By City Council For An Approximately 0.17-Acre Tract Located At 2925 Rolling Hills Drive.**

Councilmember Palacios moved to approve Item 24; second by Councilmember Carpenter. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-2. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Axberg and Councilmember Cline voted in opposition.

PUBLIC FORUM

- 25. Hearing of any citizen/visitor on items not listed on the regular meeting agenda. Citizens wishing to address the Council regarding items on the posted agenda will be called to speak during the Council's consideration of such items.**

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Mayor Babick opened the public forum. There being no speakers, Mayor Babick closed the public forum.

ADJOURNMENT - Mayor Babick adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

ATTEST:

Chloe Sawatzky, City Secretary

Steve Babick, Mayor