

**CARROLLTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING AND WORKSESSION  
FEBRUARY 3, 2026**

The City Council of the City of Carrollton, Texas convened in a Regular Meeting and Worksession on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Steve Babick, Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Axberg, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Daisy Palomo, Councilmembers Nancy Cline, Jason Carpenter, Andrew Palacios, Richard Fleming, 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.

**6:00 P.M. – COUNCIL BRIEFING ROOM**

**\*\*\*PRE-MEETING / EXECUTIVE SESSION \*\*\***

Mayor Babick called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**1. Receive information and discuss Agenda.**

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

*Item 5 followed.*

**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 Update From Carrollton DART Committee Regarding Interlocal Agreements and Governance.**

Mayor Babick reviewed that in the fall of 2025 the Council reviewed a General Mobility Interlocal Agreement and a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) Interlocal Agreement regarding the funding and governance of DART (Dallas Area Rapid Transit Authority), of which Carrollton is a Member City. The Mayor advised that the documents were presented to all 13 Member Cities, however none have executed their respective agreements. He advised that Carrollton staff have been collaborating with DART staff to red line the TIRZ agreement. City Attorney Meredith Ladd provided a briefing on the proposed changes to the TIRZ document. City Manager Erin Rinehart added that she has met with the other city managers and discussed a TIRZ that would return a portion of the sales tax paid to DART back to the city for reinvestment into the Transit Areas in Carrollton. Mayor Babick

stated that if DART agrees with the red lined changes to the document there will be a future agenda item.

Mayor Babick added that Consent Agenda Item No. 17 is a resolution in support of the North Texas Commission’s DART Board Governance Recommendations Pursuant To The Transit 2.0 Initiative In Partnership With The North Central Texas Council Of Governments. The resolution supports every DART Member City having a representative on the DART Board.

*Item 6 followed.*

**5. Receive Update From Metrocrest Area Chamber.**

Michael Gallops, President and CEO of Metrocrest Area Chamber (formerly the Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce), provided background on the organization and reviewed that it serves the cities of Carrollton, Addison and Farmers Branch. He explained the rationale for changing the name and provided a depiction of a new logo, part of the rebranding process. Mr. Gallops reviewed the 2026 Focus Areas for the organization as well as planned future quarterly events.

*Item 4 followed.*

**6. Discuss Nomination Of Rising Star Honoree For Metrocrest Chamber.**

Mayor Babick advised that three names have been submitted for consideration as the Rising Star nominee. Those include Karim Ali, Chair of the CPAC Committee, Natasha Singh, Chair of the Neighborhood Advisory Committee, and Scott Windrow, Chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Following a brief discussion, the Council consensus was to nominate Scott Windrow.

**7. Mayor And Council Reports And Information Sharing.**

Council reviewed their recent activities and upcoming events.

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

Mayor Babick called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**INVOCATION** – Councilmember Jason Carpenter

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Councilmember Rowena Watters

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

**8. Citizen Comment is the opportunity for citizens/visitors to speak on items listed on the posted meeting agenda. Citizens/visitors wishing to address the Council regarding items not on the posted meeting agenda will have the opportunity to speak during the Public Forum.**

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Speakers will be allowed up to 3 minutes for testimony; Speakers making loud, abusive, personal, defamatory, impertinent, profane, threatening, or impertinent remarks may be removed from the room; Unauthorized remarks from the audience, stamping of feet, whistles, yells, booing, 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. Any person who does not comply with these provisions is subject to removal or forfeiting their right to attend a future meeting. In accordance with the Texas 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 citizen comment period.

Cissy Sylo: Spoke on transparency in regard to the bond election (Item 15) proposed projects, requesting information be included on the city's website. Also spoke in favor of DART (Item 17).

Jennifer Gerberich: (Item 17) spoke in support of DART in Carrollton.

Michael Gerberich: (Item 17) spoke in support of DART in Carrollton

Keun Lee: (Item 17) spoke in support of DART in Carrollton.

## PRESENTATIONS

### **9. Receive Funding From Denton County Commissioner Falconer For Hebron and Frankford.**

Denton County Commissioner Kevin Falconer stated that four (4) years ago Denton County held a bond election for improvements to roadways and bridges in the county, including some roadways and bridges within cities. Funding for the City of Carrollton is a 50:50 match for reconstruction of Hebron Parkway and Frankford Road. He presented the Mayor with a check for \$9,625,000.00. Mayor Babick expressed his appreciation to Commissioner Falconer and the Denton County Commissioners for the funding provided.

## 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.)*

Mayor Babick advised that Item 13 is being pulled for separate consideration.

**Councilmember Cline moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 10-12 and 14-17; second by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Palomo. The motion was approved with a unanimous 7-0 vote.**

## CONTRACTS & AGREEMENTS

- \*10. Consider Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With Fairway Lawns, LLC DBA Andy's Sprinkler, Drainage & Lighting Pursuant To BID #26-007 For Irrigation Installations And Repairs In An Amount Not To Exceed \$300,000.00 Annually, For A Three-Year Total Not To Exceed \$900,000.00.**

- \*11. Consider Authorizing The City Manager To Negotiate And Execute A Settlement And Release Agreement With Mustang Park Homeowners Association, Inc. In An Amount Not To Exceed \$1,164,000.00.
- \*12. Consider Authorizing The City Manager To Approve A Construction Contract With Axis Contracting, Inc. For the Country Club Drive Improvements Project In An Amount Not To Exceed \$5,788,121.70.
- \*13. Consider Authorizing The City Manager To Approve A Construction Contract With Steele & Freeman, Inc. For The Fire Station 6 Project In An Amount Not To Exceed \$10,722,050.00.

Item 13 was pulled from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

Councilmember Cline expressed her excitement to move forward with a new fire station. She commented that she had hoped for more community input on the exterior so it would match the neighborhood, adding that for the other upcoming fire station replacements she hopes there will be more input. She noted that the proposed exterior may not be less expensive than other options.

Mayor Babick offered comments as well regarding this as one of four planned fire station replacements in the city.

**Councilmember Cline moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 13; second by Mayor Pro Tem Axberg. The motion was approved with a unanimous 7-0 vote.**

- \*14. Consider Authorizing The City Manager To Execute Change Order No. 2 With Ratliff Hardscape, Ltd. For The Plano Parkway Park - Phase 2 Project In An Amount Of \$46,034.50, For a Revised Amount Not To Exceed \$965,964.50.

## ORDINANCES

- \*15. Consider An Ordinance Ordering A Special Election For Bond Propositions To Be Held On The 2nd Day Of May, 2026, In The City Of Carrollton, Texas.
- \*16. Consider An Ordinance Ordering A General Election On May 2, 2026 To Elect A Mayor And Council Place 2, Council Place 4, And Council Place 6.

## RESOLUTIONS

- \*17. Consider A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Carrollton, Texas, Supporting The North Texas Commission's DART Board Governance Recommendations Pursuant To The Transit 2.0 Initiative In Partnership With The North Central Texas Council Of Governments.

## PUBLIC FORUM

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Mayor Babick opened the public forum.

Pia Namdar: Spoke as owner of the Texas Lone Star Soccer Club, a professional women's indoor soccer team based in Carrollton. She described the team members. She invited the Council to support the team and stated they need a practice area.

Jordon Colbert: Spoke as a team member of the Texas Lone Star Soccer Club and the benefits of having the team located in Carrollton. She requested the city's support.

Brad Namdar: Spoke in support of the Texas Lone Star Soccer Club indoor and outdoor teams. The season runs from May through July.

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

**ADJOURNMENT** - Mayor Babick adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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Chloe Sawatzky, City Secretary

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Steve Babick, Mayor