

**CARROLLTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AND WORKSESSION
APRIL 21, 2026**

The City Council of the City of Carrollton, Texas convened in a Regular Meeting and Worksession on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 5:45 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.

5:45 P.M. – COUNCIL BRIEFING ROOM

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

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.

Worksession Item 4 was addressed next.

2. Council convened into Executive Session at 6:46 p.m. 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.
 - **Section 551.087** to discuss Economic Development.
3. Council reconvened in Open Session at 6:55 p.m. to consider action, if any, on matters discussed in the Executive Session.

The Regular Meeting followed the conclusion of the Executive Session.

*****WORKSESSION*****

4. Discuss Cascade Strategy Visualization Platform And Receive Update On Destination 2040 Vision Plan.

Krystle Boise, Strategic Services Director, presented information on how the city will use the Strategy Visualization Platform that was developed by Cascade. She reviewed that every department has a Strategic Business Plan that is updated each year prior to the budget process. The update includes a three-year vision and goals document that is created in WORD software. It includes resource requirements as well and is submitted to the Strategic Services Department quarterly. In addition, Key Performance Indicators are updated in EXCEL software. Ms. Boise explained the need for the information in these two documents to interface together and that it is being accomplished with Cascade.

Ms. Boise advised that every city department now has a Cascade dashboard to track projects and goals in its various planning documents. Updating the information on a monthly basis helps to identify how other departments can affect a department’s projects. She provided an example from the Public Works Department.

Ms. Boise provided a brief update on the Destination 2040 Vision Plan. She advised that the three-year vision plan was just updated and next year the full vision plan will be updated. She explained the need for additional focus in some areas and how Strategic Services and department directors work together to address those areas.

Discussion followed as to how the contents of the Visualization Platform is used during the managed competition process. Ms. Boise also explained that information contained in the Visualization Platform can support ATB requests/needs.

5. Receive Update On Bonds.

Diana Vaughn, Chief Executive Officer, presented this item. She began with information on why local government uses debt to fund large projects. She advised that issuing debt provides access to large scale financing without large tax increases. It also lowers borrowing costs due to cities being tax exempt, provides flexibility in repayment structures and helps to support community growth. She added that in Carrollton 35% to 45% of capital improvements comes from debt and the remainder of the expense comes from “pay-go” money.

Ms. Vaughn provided an overview of the general obligation bond cycle that begins with identifying projects. After a citizen review process, the City Council calls an election where voters get to choose whether or not bonds should be used to fund various projects. She noted that following voter approval, the city only sells the authorized bonds as it becomes necessary to fund the city’s projects and are not sold all at once. Ms. Vaughn added that Carrollton follows a Council adopted debt policy that follows state law, IRS regulations and election results. She reviewed the bond sale process and added that Carrollton sells bonds one time each year. No impact on residents’ tax rates is anticipated.

Ms. Vaughn advised that the city holds a bond election when an estimated 1 to 2 years of authorized unissued bonds remains. For 2026, the city plans to issue approximately \$33.3 million in new money bonds to fund capital improvements. The city will have \$28 million of General Obligation bonds authorized after this issuance. Mayor Babick stated that Item 15 on this agenda is authorization to sell the bonds for the \$33.3 million. Discussion followed regarding the inflation impact on bond amounts.

Ms. Vaughn stated that the city is planning to hold a bond election on May 2, 2026, that will have five propositions totaling \$235 million to fund capital improvements.

The propositions include:

- A. \$164,500,000 – Streets and related infrastructure
- B. \$ 32,345,000 – Public Safety Facility Improvements
- C. \$ 26,530,000 – Parks and Recreation Facility Improvements
- D. \$ 7,850,000 – Municipal Court Improvements
- E. \$ 3,775,000 – Library Facility Improvements

A Voter Guide with information on the bond election is on the city website along with a video, which was provided to the Council.

A question was raised as to where residents can locate the status of bonds and the projects they fund. Ms. Vaughn stated that there is a debt page on the website and the ACFR document contains projects to be funded with the bonds. The annual budget also contains this information.

6. Mayor And Council Reports Information Sharing.

Council reviewed their recent activities and upcoming events.

Item 2 Executive Session followed.

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

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

INVOCATION – Councilmember Andrew Palacios

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember Nancy Cline

PRESENTATIONS

7. Present Proclamation Recognizing National Library Week.

Mayor Babick read the proclamation recognizing April 19-25, 2026 as:

National Library Week

in Carrollton, Texas. The proclamation was presented to Rachel Young.

8. Present Certificates To The Citizens Government Academy Graduating Class Of 2026.

City Secretary Chloe Sawatzky provided an overview of the Citizens Government Academy program. She explained that each class of local residents receives an inside look at city operations, services, and public safety. Each session featured presentations from city leaders and staff from various departments. The Class of 2026 attendees were presented with Certificates of Completion and a Challenge Coin.

CITIZEN COMMENT

9. 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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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 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 Palacios moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 10-17; second by Councilmember Cline. The motion was approved with a unanimous 7-0 vote.

MINUTES

***10. Consider Approval Of The March 24, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes.**

***11. Consider Approval Of The April 7, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes.**

CONTRACTS & AGREEMENTS

***12. Consider Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With Forvis Mazars, LLP Pursuant To RFP #26-014 For Independent Auditing Services For An Amount Not To Exceed \$150,000.00 For The Fiscal Year 2026 Audit.**

***13. Consider Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With Northern Imports, Inc, DBA Work Wear Safety Shoes And Multi Service Technology DBA Red Wing Brands Of America, Inc. Pursuant To RFP #26-016, Safety Shoes In An Amount Not To Exceed \$55,000.00, Annually, For A Three-Year Total Not To Exceed \$165,000.00.**

***14. Consider Authorizing the City Manager To Approve A Construction Contract With JonesCo General Contractors, LLC. For The City Hall Exterior And 1st & 2nd Level Improvements Project In An Amount Not To Exceed \$1,132,323.00.**

ORDINANCES

***15. Consider An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Carrollton, Texas, Authorizing the Issuance of "City of Carrollton, Texas, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026"; Levying a Continuing Direct Annual Ad Valorem Tax for the Payment of Said Bonds; Resolving Other Matters Incident and Related to the Issuance, Sale, Payment, and Delivery of Said Bonds; Establishing Procedures for the Sale and Delivery of the Bonds; Delegating Matters Relating to the Sale and Issuance of the Bonds to Authorized City Representatives; and Providing for an Effective Date.**

- *16. Consider An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Carrollton, Texas, Authorizing the Issuance of “City of Carrollton, Texas, Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2026”; Pledging the Net Revenues of the City’s Combined Waterworks and Sewer System to the Payment of the Principal of and Interest on Said Bonds; and Resolving Other Matters Incident and Related to the Issuance, Sale, Payment, and Delivery of Said Bonds; Establishing Procedures for the Sale and Delivery of the Bonds; and Delegating Matters Relating to the Sale and Issuance of the Bonds to Authorized City Representatives.

RESOLUTIONS

- *17. Consider A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Negotiate And Execute Contract Amendment No. 1 With Magee Architects, L.P. For Additional Design Services For The City Hall Remodel Phase II Project, In An Amount Not To Exceed \$43,275.00 For A Total Contract Amount Of \$293,275.00.

PUBLIC FORUM

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Mayor Babick opened the public forum.

Scotty S. 1209 Ryan Ave.: Spoke regarding his alley that is planned to be left as a dirt road and requested it be paved or concrete as other alleys are in Carrollton.

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

ADJOURNMENT - Mayor Babick adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

Chloe Sawatzky, City Secretary

Steve Babick, Mayor