

**CARROLLTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AND WORKSESSION
MAY 12, 2026**

The City Council of the City of Carrollton, Texas convened in a Regular Meeting and Worksession on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 6:45 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.

6:45 P.M. – COUNCIL BRIEFING ROOM

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

Mayor Babick called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

1. Receive information and discuss Agenda.

Agenda items were reviewed. City Secretary Chloe Sawatzky advised that Items 7 and 8 for consideration would need to be adopted “as amended” to reflect updated election results received from the counties.

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 reconvened in Open Session to consider action, if any, on matters discussed in the Executive Session. *Council did not convene in Executive Session.*

*****WORKSESSION*****

4. Discuss Council Meeting Items.

Mayor Babick reviewed the items scheduled for the evening and ran through the order of events for the outgoing and incoming council.

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

Mayor Babick called the Regular meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

INVOCATION – Councilmember Andrew Palacios

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember Rowena Watters

Boy Scout troops led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

PRESENTATIONS

5. Present **15 Year Service Coin To Municipal Judge Meredith Lyon.**

Mayor Babick presented Judge Lyon her 15-year service coin, thanking her for her commitment to the City.

CITIZEN COMMENT

6. **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.**

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 city of residence prior to beginning your remarks; 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 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 the Consent Agenda with Items 7 and 8 as amended; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Axberg. The motion was approved with a unanimous 7-0 vote.

ORDINANCES

- *7. Consider An **Ordinance Canvassing The Returns And Declaring The Results Of The Carrollton Bond Election Held May 2, 2026.**

***8. Consider An Ordinance Canvassing The Returns And Declaring The Results Of The May 2, 2026 General Election For Mayor And Council Places 2, 4, And 6.**

PRESENTATIONS

9. Presentation Acknowledging The Service Of Outgoing Councilmembers And Welcoming The Newly Elected Officials.

Mayor Babick invited Councilmember Palacios to the dais in recognition of his six years of service to the City of Carrollton. Mayor Babick delivered remarks commending Councilmember Palacios for his dedication and contributions during his tenure and presented him with a commemorative street sign and photo book in appreciation of his service. Denton County Commissioner Kevin Falconer was then invited to the podium and presented Councilmember Palacios with a formal recognition on behalf of Denton County, offering additional remarks in honor of his service.

Councilmember Palacios addressed Council and the public, expressing appreciation for the opportunity to serve the community and gratitude to colleagues, staff, family, and friends who supported him throughout his term. He extended special thanks to his wife and children for their unwavering support throughout his time in office. Councilmember Palacios reflected on key accomplishments over the past six years, noting the meaningful progress achieved during his tenure. He acknowledged that while significant work has been accomplished, there is always more to be done, and expressed confidence in the City's continued progress. He stated that he is leaving his role believing the City is better than when he began his service and conveyed optimism for what lies ahead. Councilmember Palacios concluded his service on the City Council.

Mayor Babick proceeded with inviting Judge Lyon to administer the oaths of office to newly elected and returning officials. Councilmember Jason Carpenter was sworn in for a second term for Place 2 and subsequently resumed his seat on the dais. Councilmember Daisy Palomo was sworn in for a second term for Place 6 and returned to her seat. Councilmember Lisa Sutter was invited from the audience, sworn in, and took her seat in Place 4, joining the remainder of Council at the dais. Mayor Babick was then sworn in for a second term as Mayor and resumed his position. Each newly sworn in Councilmember provided brief remarks:

Councilmember Jason Carpenter extended his gratitude to his family, fellow Councilmembers, and City staff for their support and partnership. He expressed appreciation for the trust placed in him by the community and emphasized the importance of continued accountability and public trust. He noted that the City is building strong foundational work for the future and stated his focus over the next term will be the thoughtful and responsible execution of long-term strategic priorities.

Councilmember Daisy Palomo expressed gratitude to her family, colleagues, and constituents. She reflected on Carrollton as a diverse, hardworking, and family-oriented community with a strong forward-looking spirit. She emphasized the importance of collaboration between Council, staff, and residents, and highlighted priorities including maintaining affordability, strengthening infrastructure, supporting small businesses through economic development, and investing in quality community amenities.

Councilmember Lisa Sutter thanked her supporters for their continued confidence. She outlined her priorities for the next three years, including delivering excellent City services at the lowest responsible cost while preserving fiscal stewardship whenever possible. She emphasized continued focus on transparency, infrastructure investment, and addressing key City needs, as well as growing revenue streams through economic development and serving all residents across the community.

Mayor Babick thanked residents for participating in the election and expressed appreciation to his supporters for their continued confidence and encouragement throughout his service. He reaffirmed Council's shared priorities for the coming term, emphasizing fiscal responsibility, maintaining strong public safety and low crime rates, continued investment in infrastructure, and business-friendly policies that support economic development. He noted the goal of ensuring Carrollton remains a community that families and businesses want to call home. Mayor Babick expressed optimism for the City's continued bright future and the opportunities that lie ahead.

ADJOURNMENT - Mayor Babick adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m. and invited attendees to the reception in the lobby.

ATTEST:

Chloe Sawatzky, City Secretary

Steve Babick, Mayor