

**CARROLLTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AND WORKSESSION
FEBRUARY 18, 2025**

The City Council of the City of Carrollton, Texas convened in a Regular Meeting and Worksession on Tuesday, February 18, 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 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. City Secretary Chloe Sawatzky noted a minor edit to the January 21st meeting minutes.

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

Executive Session was convened at the conclusion of all Worksession items.

2. Council convened Executive Session at 8:50 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 Open Session at 8:57 p.m. to consider action, if any, on matters discussed in the Executive Session. No action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

*****WORKSESSION*****

4. Receive Update On The 2025 LIV Golf Dallas Tournament.

Christopher Szymczyk, Economic Development Manager, provided an overview of the 2024 LIV Golf Tournament and provided introductory remarks regarding the 2025 Tournament proposal.

James Clark, Vice President of Outlyr and Tournament Director, offered remarks on last year's attendance, economic impact, sustainability, and expenses, adding that expenses were more than the \$4.7 million previously mentioned. He advised that the concession program resulted in \$35,000 to local volunteer groups. He stated that there were more than 750 volunteers in total from various states. Mr. Clark stated that in 2024 the city's contribution to the event was \$85,000 and for 2025, \$186,000 is being requested. The economic impact for the 2025 tournament is anticipated to be greater than in 2024.

Mr. Clark offered comments as to the coordination with the Carrollton Farmers Branch School District and the use of school parking lots during the event. Recognition of the District's Teachers of the Year occurred at last year's event; some students from the school district participated. In response to Mayor Pro Tem Fleming's question, Outlyr did make a donation to the school district.

It was noted that the 2025 tournament will not be a team championship event as it was last year and will be held in June. It was also clarified that this is the only LIV Tournament to be held in the state of Texas.

Mayor Babick commented that the item on the Consent Agenda related to this discussion is approval for the City of Carrollton to apply to the State as the host city.

5. Receive Briefing From CFBISD.

Randy Schackmann, CFB School Board President, advised that currently the District has 9,800 empty seats due to declining enrollment. He advised that the Board has discussed a proposal to consolidate four campuses. He introduced Chris Moore, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, who made a presentation.

Mr. Moore stated that the District has a close relationship with the City of Carrollton and shared information the School Board has been considering. He advised that in 2023 the Board adopted a deficit budget. A capacity study was conducted based on enrollment from the fall of 2023 through the spring of 2024. The recommendation from that study was to consolidate three elementary campuses and one middle school campus. Mr. Moore added that the Board also adopted a deficit budget for 2024. A demographics study was done in the fall of 2024. Community input was received and a Facility Planning Advisory Group was formed. The school principals recommended individuals to participate.

Mr. Moore added that the facility study also stated that 23 of the 34 CFB schools are at 75 percent or less capacity. Over the past five years, there has been 4.7 percent decline in student enrollment. That trend is expected to continue over the next ten years. Mr. Moore stated that the Board of Trustees met in February and recommended consolidating the following campuses: Central Elementary, Furneaux Elementary, McCoy Elementary and Long Middle School. He provided a chart reflecting that other school districts in the North Texas area are experiencing similar declining enrollments. Mr. Moore provided a website and contact information for those who are interested in obtaining more information on this matter.

Mayor Babick stated that even though the city has no oversight or authority pertaining to the school district, the Council may have some questions. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Axberg asked Mr. Moore what is driving the lower enrollment. Mr. Moore responded that birthrates are declining, and families are relocating further north to Collin County and to Kaufman County, southeast of the metro area. He stated that there are more choices for families now, including charter schools.

Discussion followed regarding the makeup of the Facility Planning Group. Mr. Moore advised that the criteria and other information used by the group is available as public information. Councilmember Palomo inquired about the growth west of I35 (Irving) area, in particular whether it was discussed to possibly remove that area from the school district. Similarly, for some schools in Dallas that are also in CFBISD. Mr. Moore stated there was no discussion about splitting the school district to remove those schools. Councilmember Palacios inquired as to what information is on the website. Mr. Moore stated that the timeline, process, presentations, FAQs, and the rezoning proposal are available.

Discussion specifically related to McCoy Elementary followed as to where those students would be reassigned. Mr. Moore advised that it is yet to be finalized and input is currently being accepted on that matter.

Mayor Babick asked Mr. Moore whether consideration was given to the new residential developments and how they might impact school populations. Mr. Moore replied no, that was not considered. The Mayor inquired about the school buildings being left vacant. Mr. Moore responded that the District does not intend to leave the buildings vacant. Mayor Babick advised that the Council will assemble its points of view regarding the campus closings and provide that to the School Board, as well as any public comments the city receives.

Councilmember Watters confirmed with Mr. Moore that communication with the residents is available through the website.

6. Receive Update On The Progress Of The Downtown Grain Silo Mural.

On September 24, 2024, City Council selected Articulation Art to create a Downtown Mural Program. The grain silos were the first canvas selected to receive a new mural. Lesli Marshall, from Articulation Art, provided an update on the Downtown Grain Silos Mural.

Ms. Marshall advised that the Downtown Arts Council discussed various themes and styles for the Grain Silos Mural. Eight different artists representing mixed media, nature and photo realism were considered to create the mural. Artist Clyde Thompson was selected. Two review sessions with the artist and the Arts Council have been held. As a result, it was decided to include local flora, history and trains into the mural design. Sketches were presented that incorporate new and old trains, and flora. Final review of the design will occur in the first week of March, and the project will begin the first week of April.

Mayor Babick added that some of Carrollton's local artists are on the Arts Council. Ms. Marshall noted that there will be other Downtown areas where additional murals can be placed.

Following Item 6, at 7:01 p.m., Mayor Babick adjourned the Worksession to convene the Regular Meeting.

At 8:25 p.m. following the conclusion of the Regular Meeting the Worksession was reconvened beginning with Item 7.

7. Discuss Nomination Of Rising Star Honoree For Metrocrest Chamber.

The Metrocrest Chamber Rising Star Award is presented to individuals within the Chamber cities as selected by the Town/City and Mayor/Councils. Nominees make contributions to their communities, demonstrate leadership qualities, and typically are young professionals that serve in volunteer or professional capacities within the respective Town/City.

Names submitted by Council included Annette Reese, Keri Bailiff, Natasha Singh and Dave Hermon. Grace Currie's name was also suggested, however following discussion, it was decided that since she is a city employee she would not be included for consideration.

Mayor Babick polled the Council members and Annette Reese was selected as Carrollton's Rising Star Award recipient.

8. Discuss July Through December 2025 Council Meeting Dates.

The following Council meeting dates were scheduled:

July 8, 22
July 25-26 Council Retreat
August 5, 19, 26 (3 meeting dates required if tax rate increase requires voter approval)
September 9, 23
October 14, 28 (TML 29th – 31st)
November 4, 18
December 2, 16

9. Mayor And Council Reports And Information Sharing.

Council reviewed their recent activities and upcoming events.

Worksession concluded at 8:50 p.m. Executive Session was then convened.

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

Mayor Babick called the Regular meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

INVOCATION – Councilmember Daisy Palomo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember Rowena Watters

PRESENTATIONS

10. Present Proclamation Recognizing National Future Farmers Of America Week To Students From CFBISD R.L. Turner And Ranchview High Schools.

Mayor Babick read a proclamation recognizing the week of February 15-22, 2025 as:

“National FFA Week”

He presented the proclamation to students from R.L. Turner And Ranchview High Schools. A representative spoke on behalf of the students and the FFA program.

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.**

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Mayor Babick opened the public comment period.

Adam Polter - Spoke with concern regarding Carrollton's involvement with the LIV Golf Tournament (Consent Item 25.) He cited a lack of transparency and the proposed reimbursement of the city's funding. He requested the item be pulled from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion.

Pam Mulligan- Did not wish to speak but submitted a card in opposition to the LIV Golf Tournament (Consent Item 25.)

Mayor Babick closed the public comment period.

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 requested Items 13 and 25 be pulled from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

Councilmember Cline moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 12 (as stipulated) and 14-24; second by Councilmember Palomo. The motion was approved with a unanimous 7-0 vote.

MINUTES

***12. Consider Approval Of The January 7, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.**

***13. Consider Approval Of The January 21, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.**

Councilmember Cline requested this item be pulled from the Consent Agenda so that she may abstain from voting due to her absence from the meeting.

Councilmember Axberg moved to approve Item 13 as stipulated; second by Councilmember Palomo. The motion was approved with a vote of 6-0; Councilmember Cline abstained from voting.

CONTRACTS & AGREEMENTS

- *14. Consider Authorizing The City Manager To Approve An Agreement With HireRight, LLC Pursuant To RFP #25-016 For Pre-Employment Testing In An Amount Not To Exceed \$45,000.00 Annually, For A Total Three-Year Contract Amount Not To Exceed \$135,000.00.**
- *15. Consider Authorizing The City Manager To Execute A Construction Contract With Gomez Floor Covering, Inc. DBA GFC Contracting For The Carrollton City Hall Lower Level Improvements In An Amount Not To Exceed \$940,939.00.**
- *16. Consider Authorizing The City Manager To Execute An Agreement With Consolidated Traffic Controls, Inc. Through An Interlocal Agreement With The HGAC Cooperative Purchasing Network For The Manufacture and Installation Of Illuminated Street Name Signs In An Amount Not to Exceed \$870,000.00.**
- *17. Consider Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With Road Master Striping, LLC Through An Interlocal Contract With The City Of Allen For Street Pavement Marking Services In An Amount Not To Exceed \$350,000.00.**
- *18. Consider Authorizing The City Manager To Execute A Change Order To The Contract With Rite Jack Concrete Repair, Inc For Raising and Rehabilitation of Existing Concrete Slabs Pursuant To BID #24-031, Increasing The Amount Of The Current Term By An Amount Not To Exceed \$180,000.00, For A Total Term Amount Of \$480,000.00, Increasing The Total Three-Year Contract To An Amount Not To Exceed \$1,080,000.00.**
- *19. Consider Authorizing The City Manager To Approve A Contract Pursuant To RFQ 25-001 For Festival Talent & Production Services With Event Production Services, LLC For The Festival At The Switchyard In An Annual Amount Not To Exceed \$614,500 For A Total Four-Year Amount Not To Exceed \$2,458,000.**
- *20. Consider Authorizing The City Manager To Execute An Agreement With Meridian Rapid Defense Group, LLC. For The Purchase Of Mobile Anti-Vehicle Barriers Through GSA Contractor Multiple Award Schedule Code J: Security & Protection In An Amount Not To Exceed \$136,881.92.**
- *21. Consider Authorizing The City Manager To Execute A Change Order To The Contract With HD Way Concrete Service, LLC For Arterial Street Panel Replacement Pursuant To BID #24-030, Increasing The Amount Of The Current Term By An Amount Not To Exceed \$1,500,000.00, For A Total Term Amount Of \$3,500,000.00, Increasing The Total Three-Year Contract To An Amount Not To Exceed \$7,500,000.00.**
- *22. Consider Ratification Of Emergency Repairs By Ruts Construction To The Old Denton 54" Northern Transmission Line In An Amount Not To Exceed \$95,000.00.**

ORDINANCES

- *23. Consider An Ordinance Amending Title V, Chapter 50 Solid Waste And Recycling Of The City Of Carrollton Code Of Ordinances By Adopting Revisions Related To Solid Waste And Recycling Collection Services; Providing For Penalty.**

RESOLUTIONS

- *24. Consider A Resolution To Name City Park Land “Tor Hill Park”.**
- *25. Consider A Resolution Authorizing The City To Participate In The State Of Texas Events Trust Fund Program To Support A Request From LIV Golf Dallas For A Golf Event At The Maridoe Golf Course In June 2025, With A Local Funding Match From The City Of Carrollton In The Amount not to exceed \$186,716.00.**

Councilmember Carpenter asked James Clark, Vice President of Outlyr and Tournament Director, for a response to the comments from the public speaker, Adam Polter. Mr. Clark advised that the state’s legislation has been reviewed by attorneys and is found to be legal. He said it is intentionally vague so that contracts can be customized for different cities. He noted the State would be reimbursing the city for their contribution.

Councilmember Axberg asked City Attorney Meredith Ladd if she has reviewed the contract. She advised that she has and it has been approved by the state.

Mayor Babick reviewed that this item is only to consider approving the application to the state. He noted that last year Outlyr paid the expense for first responders during the event.

Councilmember Palomo asked Mr. Clark to review the community impact from last year’s event. He responded that the concession program resulted in \$36,000 to local charities, and that LIV recognized the CFBISD Teachers of the Year and students.

Mayor Pro Tem Fleming asked Mr. Clark if he has a copy of the economic impact study and will it be provided to the city. Mr. Clark advised he has no access to the study. Mayor Pro Tem Fleming advised he researched the sales tax increasing during the event and it appears there was an increase of approximately \$3 million during the event. He went on to read documentation that says the LIV organization originates from Saudi Arabia. He spoke in opposition to Carrollton’s involvement.

Councilmember Watters spoke regarding the impact last year in some neighborhoods. Mr. Clark responded that Outlyr has already had a meeting with Carrollton’s emergency action team.

Mayor Babick stated that last year’s economic impact to Carrollton and its surrounding cities was \$38 million. The state’s percentage of sales tax was 6.25 percent, or approximately \$2.5 million. He advised the state has this program to attract events. He said that if the Council approves the application, it is anticipated that the city will contribute \$186,000 up front and be refunded that amount later.

Councilmember Axberg moved to approve Item 25; second by Councilmember Palomo.

Mayor Pro Tem Fleming commented that the city should have the study in order to make an informed decision. Based on the information he obtained, Saudi Arabia is the location where the LIV

organization is based and the city of Carrollton should not be doing business (or providing funds) with that organization.

Councilmember Palomo stated that last year, a volunteer organization, LovPacs, that provides lunches to school children, netted \$14,000 from their concessions.

The motion was approved with a vote of 6-1. Mayor Pro Tem Fleming voted in opposition.

PUBLIC FORUM

26. 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.

Lou Menendez, 1300 Golden Gate Dr: Spoke regarding filing complaints against other property owners.

Brian Morrow, 1020 Magnolia Dr.: Spoke regarding property values; impact of closed school buildings; economic impact study.

Rosy Ramos: Spoke requesting more opportunities to speak to the School Board regarding the school closures.

Carol Hauptli, 1415 N. Trail Dr.: Spoke regarding the process for appointing individuals to the Committee evaluating school closures.

Clifford Henson, 1411 North Trail Dr.: Opposed to closing McCoy Elementary School.

Kathryn Wise, 2110 Via Vista: Opposed to closing McCoy Elementary School.

Leighton Gambill, 1505 Northridge Dr: Opposed to closing McCoy Elementary School.

Michael Easton, 1414 N. Trail Dr: Opposed to closing McCoy Elementary School.

Sarah Amond, 1408 Shannon Circle: Opposed to closing McCoy Elementary School.

Kate Hughey, 2311 Green Meadow Dr.: Opposed to closing McCoy Elementary School.

Ben Nguyn, 1615 Belt Crest Lane : Opposed to closing McCoy Elementary School.

Lisa Sutter, 2676 Waterford Way: Opposed to closing McCoy Elementary School.

Olivia Wise: (student at McCoy): Opposed to closing McCoy Elementary School.

Aaron Nauert, 1111 Golden Gate Dr.: (McCoy is child's 4th school in Carrollton) Opposed to closing McCoy Elementary School.

Rocky Perez, 1737 Frankford Rd.: Opposed to closing McCoy Elementary School.

Kyung Lim, 2215 Daniel Way: Opposed to closing McCoy Elementary School.

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

Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Worksession was resumed with Item 7.

ADJOURNMENT - Mayor Babick adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

ATTEST:

Chloe Sawatzky, City Secretary

Steve Babick, Mayor

Timestamp Recap:

Worksession 5:45-7:01

Regular Meeting 7:11-8:20

Worksession 8:25-8:50

Executive Session 8:50-8:57