

**CARROLLTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AND WORKSESSION
SEPTEMBER 17, 2019**

The City Council of the City of Carrollton, Texas convened in a Regular Meeting and Worksession on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 5:45 pm with the following members present; Mayor Kevin Falconer, Mayor Pro Tem Young Sung, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Frances Cruz, Councilmembers John Sutter, Glen Blanscet, Mike Hennefer, Pat Cochran and Steve Babick. Also present were City Manager Erin Rinehart, Assistant City Managers Marc Guy, Bob Scott and Chrystal Davis, First Asst City Attorney Susan Keller, City Secretary/Admin Services Director Laurie Garber and Deputy City Secretary Jacqueline Williams.

5:45 P.M. – COUNCIL BRIEFING ROOM

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

Mayor Falconer convened the meeting at 5:46 pm.

1. Receive information and discuss Agenda.

*****WORKSESSION*****

4. Receive A Briefing On The Downtown Carrollton Plan.

Asst City Manager Marc Guy explained that the Downtown Carrollton area, from a planning standpoint is from the AW Perry/Thomas property down on the east side of the I-35 all the way down to Crosby. The Downtown Carrollton Station is just the area with the platform and parking lot and it serves the Green Line light rail transit (LRT). The new station coming on line in 2022 will be the Silver Line (formerly the Cotton Belt) that will have another platform and another parking lot. He discussed the various Planning Initiatives that began in 2006 and reviewed Design and Development initiatives. Guy stated that the two most critical actions were the start of the Green Line operations in 2010 and the start of the first catalyst project in 2011. He stated the accomplishments were the result of a lot of elected officials and a lot of leadership sustaining the vision. With regard to zoning, he stated that one thing that was established very early was to make sure there wouldn't be a lot of incompatible or non-conforming uses in the TC area. He explained that one critical thing for a TOD area is walk-ability; the station is ground zero for everything. With regard to TOD Design Standards, he showed a streetscape design alongside a photo illustrating implementation of the design. He used an aerial photograph of the area with color codes to reflect the investment and growth to date.

Next Steps

Four areas that need study – 1) East Belt Line (east side of Downtown); 2) Station areas; 3) North Side; and 4) West Side

He recommended that staff work with the TOD Sub-committee over the next several months to identify the areas of priority; consider the magnitude; consider the budget; and develop a strategy to take to the full Council. Part of the re-evaluation will include a look at transportation and ways to address congestion and traffic flow.

Mayor Falconer and other members of the Council expressed their appreciation for the review of the overall Plan.

5. Discuss Selecting Applicants For An Interview For Planning And Zoning Commission And Property Standards Board.

Mayor Falconer noted that the Council would go through the appointment process at the October 15 meeting and explained that occasionally there is a need to have an interview process. He explained that Board members serve 2-year terms with a maximum of 3 terms. He reminded the Council about the possibility of adding a board or commission and about the Mayor's Advisory Council. Councilmember Babick voiced a desire to include a notation on the list of applicants about service on the Mayor's Advisory Council, DART's Art Committee, or any other appointed role.

A consensus was reached to interview Matt McCombs and Gene Jeffreys.

6. Mayor and Council reports and information sharing.

Mayor Falconer recessed the Worksession at 7:00 pm to convene in Regular Meeting.

*****REGULAR MEETING 7:00 PM*****

Mayor Falconer convened the Regular Meeting at 7:09 pm.

INVOCATION – Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Frances Cruz

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember Glen Blanscet

AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

7. Hearing of any citizen/visitor on items listed on the regular meeting agenda, which do not include a public hearing. Citizens wishing to address the Council regarding items not on posted agenda will be called to speak during the Public Comment period.

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No speakers.

PRESENTATIONS

8. Present A Proclamation Declaring October 6-12, 2019 As Fire Prevention Week.

9. Present A Proclamation Honoring Newman Smith High School Class Of 1979 And 1980 Alumni Weekend.

10. Present A Proclamation Recognizing September 2019 Live United Month.

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 Falconer noted that Item 13 was pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Councilmember Blanscet moved approval of Consent Agenda Items 11 and 12 and 14-20 and; second by Councilmember Babick and the motion was approved with a unanimous 7-0 vote,

BIDS & PURCHASES

***11. Consider Approval Of RFP# 19-033 For Plumbing Services From Various Vendors In An Amount Not To Exceed \$90,000.00.**

***12. Consider Approval Of RFP# 19-038 For Heating, Ventilation And Air Conditioning (HVAC) Services From Various Vendors In An Amount Not To Exceed \$90,000.00.**

~~***13. Consider Approval Of RFP# 19-039 For Electrical Services From Various Vendors In An Amount Not To Exceed \$90,000.00.**~~

***14. Consider Authorizing An Increase of \$326,000 For A Total Not To Exceed \$2,335,677.20 Per Year For Fleet Services With Vector Fleet Management, LLC Annually.**

***15. Consider Approval Of The Purchase Of Two Mass Casualty Trauma Training Manikins, Associated Equipment, And Training From RPT Consulting, LLC. In An Amount Not To Exceed \$87,977.76.**

CONTRACTS & AGREEMENTS

***16. Consider Authorizing The City Manager To Approve Change Order #1 With Rumsey Construction, LLC For Additional Excavation Of Silt Material For The Country Place Pond Improvements Project In An Amount Of \$106,000.00, And Increasing The Total Project Amount To \$576,265.00.**

RESOLUTIONS

***17. Consider A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Submit An Attestation On Behalf Of The City Whereby The City Council Approves The Continued Receipt Of Bingo Prize Fee Funds In Compliance With H.B. 914, 86TH Texas Legislature.**

***18. Consider A Resolution To Amend A Professional Service Agreement With CE Golf Design For The Design Of Golf Cart Paths And Turf Areas At Indian Creek Golf Club In An Amount Not To Exceed \$11,000.00 For A Total Contract Amount Not To Exceed \$153,275.00.**

ORDINANCE

***19. Consider An Ordinance Amending The Code Of Ordinances By Repealing Chapter 74 "Red Light Traffic Enforcement System", Chapter 75 "Photographic Traffic Signal Enforcement System", And Chapter 76 "Photographic School Bus Arm Enforcement System".**

*20. Consider An Ordinance Amending Chapter 31, The Comprehensive Fee Schedule, Effective October 1, 2019.

OTHER BUSINESS

21. Consider An Ordinance Adopting And Approving An Operating And Capital Budget For The City Of Carrollton, Making Appropriations Therefore For The Fiscal Year October 1, 2019 Through September 30, 2020.

Mayor Falconer advised that the next three items were all related to the operating budget that begins October 1, 2019. He thanked the staff for the work they do to pull the budget together and stated he is very proud of how Carrollton operates in a very effective and efficient manner. He stressed that everyone is very aware that the City uses the taxpayers' dollars and stated the Council was offering a ½ cent tax rate decrease.

Councilmember Sutter stated that the adoption of the budget is a culmination of months of effort by City staff making the Council's job much easier. He echoed the mayor's comments with regard to the Council taking their fiduciary responsibility very seriously.

Councilmember Sutter moved to approve the ordinance adopting and approving an operating and capital budget for the City of Carrollton making appropriations therefore for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020; second by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Cruz.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Cruz echoed the comments made and brought recognition to the fact that staff and prior Council's put the City in a really good position with its foresight in many areas in comparison to a lot of cities in the surrounding area.

Councilmember Babick stated the budget is one of the Council's primary responsibilities and noted that it starts with goal setting. He stated the Council's vision is for Carrollton to be the community that families and businesses want to call home. He talked at length about the various considerations taken into account when preparing and adopting a budget, tax rate and debt service as well as changes/growth of the City since the mid 90's including taking care of the employees.

The motion was approved with a unanimous 7-0 vote.

22. Consider An Ordinance Establishing The Tax Rate And Tax Levy For The City Of Carrollton For The Tax Year 2019 Upon The Taxable Property In The City Of Carrollton In Conformity With The Laws Of The State Of Texas And The City.

Mayor Falconer stated that the formal words that must be used will refer to a tax increase, but from a practical perspective, the Council is implementing a ½ cent tax rate decrease.

Councilmember Sutter stated his feeling that the recent State Legislature did cities and citizens of the State of Texas no favors with some of the Bills they passed; many of which took away flexibility from cities that may ultimately encourage use of debt, which Carrollton does not want to do.

Councilmember Sutter moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 58.997 cents per \$100 of valuation which is effectively a 6.82% increase in the tax rate; second by Councilmember Babick and the motion was approved with a unanimous 7-0 vote.

23. Consider A Resolution Ratifying The Property Tax Increase Reflected In The Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budget.

Councilmember Sutter moved to approve the resolution ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the Operating and Capital Budget for the City of Carrollton for Fiscal Year October 1, 2019-September 30, 2020; second by Mayor Pro Tem Sung and the motion was approved with a unanimous 7-0 vote.

24. Consider An Ordinance Creating Shift Differential Pay For All Sworn Personnel Of The Police Department Working Specific Hours.

Councilmember Babick moved approval of Item 24 regarding an ordinance creating shift differential pay for all sworn personnel of the Police Department working specific hours; second by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Cruz.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Cruz voiced her appreciation to staff for analyzing what the City can do to make the Police Department more competitive in the market place noting that Carrollton is in a highly competitive market.

The motion was approved with a unanimous 7-0 vote.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

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Andrew Guitte, 1213 Sycamore Drive, stated he is a lifelong resident, owner of Bella's Passion in Downtown Carrollton, owner of Titan Communications on Old Denton Road, and is currently the President of the ODCA. He began his comments thanking the Council for their support over the years and talked about the increased interest in Downtown Carrollton. He spoke with concern about threats from homeless individuals and asked for the return of bicycle officers on the Square as well as an ordinance against pan handling.

Mayor Falconer adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:56 pm and announced that the Council would reconvene in Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2. Council convened in Executive Session at 8:02 pm 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

which the City Attorney has a duty under the Texas Rules of Discipline and Professional Conduct regarding confidential communication with the City Council.

- Section 551.074 to discuss personnel matters
 - Annual Performance Review of City Manager

3. Council reconvened in Open Session at 9:56 p.m. to consider action, if any, on matters discussed in the Executive Session. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT - Mayor Falconer adjourned the meeting at 9:56 pm.

ATTEST:


Laurie Garber, City Secretary


Kevin W. Falconer, Mayor

