

**CARROLLTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AND WORKSESSION
JANUARY 20, 2026**

The City Council of the City of Carrollton, Texas convened in a Regular Meeting and Worksession on Tuesday, January 20, 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. The Consent Agenda items were reviewed. Staff responded to Council's questions.

1. 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.
2. Council will reconvene in Open Session to consider action, if any, on matters discussed in the Executive Session.

Executive Session was not convened.

*****WORKSESSION*****

3. Receive **Update on Public Safety.**

Chief of Police Roberto Arredondo provided the update on the Police Department. He reviewed activity statistics and stated that overall, there has been a reduction in crime for 2025 compared to 2024. Staffing of sworn officers and professional staff for the Police Department was reviewed. The application process, efforts taken to fill positions, competitive salaries, career development and promotional opportunities were discussed.

Strategies for patrol assignments, along with the use of modern technology, were credited with a notable reduction in crime as well as a reduction in response times. Chief Arredondo advised that real-time data is provided to officers in vehicles and in-house with updates every six hours. Through a grant the department will begin use of a drone next month to assist with gathering scene information prior to police or fire department arrival. Other programs within the Police Department include online self-reporting for residents, staff wellness, community engagement and special events coverage.

Discussion followed with several Councilmembers commending Chief Arredondo for the presentation and for improvements made in department operations, improved morale, and efficiencies realized since he became the Chief of Police.

Fire Chief Mike Thomson provided a review of Fire Department operations, including response times for fire and EMS calls. He provided an overview of the following:

- Accomplishments and Community Impact
- Training
- Workforce Development
- Disaster Response
- Community Risk Reduction and Prevention
- Citizen Fire Academy
- Innovation and New Programs
- Fire Prevention
- Infrastructure and Equipment
- Future Department Initiatives

Chief Thomson provided an update on fire station plans for building and remodeling. He said that bids were opened last week for Station 6; Council will consider awarding a bid in February. The building should be completed by 2027. Station 5 design contract will be awarded soon as well. The completion date for Station 5 is 2028. Discussion followed regarding the various stations and planned renovations.

City Manager Erin Rinehart provided a brief update on the City’s preparations for the inclement weather forecasted for the next weekend. She advised that Public Works personnel are treating bridges and overpasses. She added that in the event of a power outage, the City will have a shelter available.

At the conclusion of this item, Mayor Babick called for a 10-minute recess prior to the start of the Regular Meeting.

Following the conclusion of the Regular Meeting, the Worksession resumed with Item 4.

4. Mayor And Council Reports And Information Sharing.

Council reviewed their recent activities and upcoming events.

Worksession and meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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

Mayor Babick called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

INVOCATION – Councilmember Andrew Palacios

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Axberg

PRESENTATIONS

5. Receive Funding From Denton County Commissioner Falconer For Hebron And Frankford.

This item was not addressed.

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.**

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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.)*

Mayor Babick advised that Item No. 7 would be pulled from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Palomo moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 8-14; second by Mayor Pro Tem Axberg. The motion was approved with a unanimous 7-0 vote.

MINUTES

- *7. Consider **Approval Of The Revised October 28, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes.**

Item 7 was pulled for separate consideration at the request of Councilmember Fleming.

Councilmember Fleming reviewed that at the October 28, 2025 meeting, he questioned whether the Board and Commissions applicant names should be discussed in open session. He asked the City Attorney about her response to that question, requesting information on where it can be found in City Charter. She responded that the Texas Open Meetings Act authorizes the discussion of city officials in closed session.

Mayor Babick reviewed the usual process for the appointments, which includes placing the names in the Resolution after the appointments are voted on.

Mayor Pro Tem Axberg asked the Mayor if the names are now included in the Revised October 28, 2025 minutes. He responded that the names are now in the minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Axberg confirmed with the Mayor that this is not the normal practice.

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

***8. Consider Approval Of The January 6, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes.**

CONTRACTS & AGREEMENTS

***9. Consider Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into Agreements With Various Vendors Pursuant to RFP 25-047 For Printing and Promotional Items In An Amount Not To Exceed \$250,000.00 Annually, For A Total Four-Year Contract Amount Not To Exceed \$1,000,000.00.**

***10. Consider Authorizing The City Manager To Execute An Amendment To The Contract With Matrix Imaging Solutions, LLC, Through An Interlocal Agreement With The City Of Plano, For Formatting, Printing, And Mailing Of Utility Bills And Inserts, Increasing The Annual Compensation By An Amount Not To Exceed \$280,000.00, For The Remaining Six-Year Total Not To Exceed \$1,680,000.00, And A Revised Ten-Year Contract Amount Not To Exceed \$2,680,000.00.**

***11. Consider Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With Sole Source Vendor OCLC INC., For The Purchase of Digital Materials In An Annual Amount Not To Exceed \$150,000, For A Three-Year Total Amount Not To Exceed \$450,000.00.**

***12. Consider Authorizing The City Manager To Purchase Library Materials From Brodart, Inc. And Midwest Tape, Through An Interlocal Agreement With The State Of Texas, In An Annual Amount Not to Exceed \$400,000, For A Five-Year Total Not to Exceed \$2,000,000.**

***13. Consider Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With Freeit Data Solutions, Through Texas DIR Purchasing Cooperative, For The Purchase Of Server And Backup Hardware In An Amount Not To Exceed \$1,000,000.00 For The First Year And \$300,000.00 Annually For The Remainder Of The Term For A Total Not To Exceed Amount Of \$2,500,000.00.**

RESOLUTIONS

***14. Consider A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Negotiate And Execute An Economic Development Incentive Agreement With April Grannemann For The Renovation Of 1019 S. Broadway Street In An Amount Not To Exceed \$3,000.**

PUBLIC FORUM

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Mayor Babick opened the public forum.

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

Worksession continued with Item 4.

ADJOURNMENT - Mayor Babick adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

ATTEST:

Chloe Sawatzky, City Secretary

Steve Babick, Mayor