

**CARROLLTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AND WORKSESSION
JUNE 3, 2025**

The City Council of the City of Carrollton, Texas convened in a Regular Meeting and Worksession on Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 6:00 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, 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.

Councilmember Daisy Palomo was absent.

6:00 P.M. – COUNCIL BRIEFING ROOM

*****PRE-MEETING *****

Mayor Babick called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Receive information and discuss Agenda.

Agenda items were reviewed. Staff responded to Council's questions.

Worksession Item 4 followed the Agenda review.

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

2. Council convened into Executive Session at 6:59 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 7:10 p.m. to consider action, if any, on matters discussed in the Executive Session. No action was taken.

Worksession Item 5 followed Executive Session.

*****WORKSESSION*****

4. Receive A Long-Term Financial Planning Update.

Dianna Vaughn, Chief Financial Officer, presented this item. She provided an overview of the city's fund types (General, Enterprise, Internal Service Fund), adding that separate budgets are prepared for each fund. Ms. Vaughn reviewed various impacts on the city's revenue sources, in particular Senate Bill 2 (2019) that capped property tax at 3.5 percent on growth. Interest, sales tax, decreasing federal funding, and the potential for an economic slowdown all have the potential to impact the city's revenue.

In regard to SB2, Ms. Vaughn stated that Carrollton has multiple strategies and reserves, and has adopted good fiscal policies.

Ms. Vaughn stated that the preliminary tax rolls were issued at the end of April and the final tax roll will come out on July 25th. A summary of Carrollton's residential values was provided. She noted that Denton County's taxable values are coming down from the increases experienced in the previous few years.

Property tax, sales tax, new revenue sources, strategic reductions in services, and continued managed competition approaches will all be taken into consideration during the budget preparation process. Ms. Vaughn added that over the next few years, the city may consider a fee review, options regarding DART sales tax, property tax allocations, debt issuances, TIRZ (Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones) options and strategic service delivery reductions. She stated that the city will not have the same flexibility as it has in the past regarding the budget.

Executive Session followed Item 4.

5. Mayor And Council Reports And Information Sharing.

Council reviewed their recent activities and upcoming events.

Worksession was recessed at 6:59 p.m. to convene in Executive Session. Worksession was reconvened at 7:10 p.m. and concluded at 7:18 p.m.

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

Mayor Babick called the Regular meeting to order at 7:22 p.m.

INVOCATION – Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Axberg

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember Nancy Cline

PUBLIC COMMENT

6. 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.

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 address prior to beginning your remarks; Speakers will be allowed between 2 and 5 minutes for testimony; Speakers making personal, impertinent, profane or slanderous remarks may be removed from the room; Unauthorized remarks from the audience, stamping of feet, whistles, yells, clapping, 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. In accordance with the State 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 the public comment period.

Mr. Vidovic (no address given) spoke in opposition to Item No. 10.

There being no other speakers, the public comment period was closed.

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 Pro Tem Fleming requested Item 10 be pulled from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion.

Councilmember Cline moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7-9 and 11-13; second by Councilmember Palacios. The motion was approved with a 6-0 vote.

MINUTES

***7. Consider Approval Of The May 20, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.**

ORDINANCES

***8. Consider An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 4143 Increasing The Amount Of A Homestead Exemption For Individuals Sixty-Five Years Of Age Or Older And Individuals Who Are Disabled From \$97,000 To \$110,000 For Tax Year 2025.**

***9. Consider An Ordinance Amending The Operating And Capital Budgets For Fiscal Year October 1, 2024 Through September 30, 2025.**

RESOLUTIONS

***10. 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 \$83,549.00.**

During the Worksession, Mayor Pro Tem Fleming requested separate consideration of this item. He stated that the 2024 LIV tournament was a good event and well executed. He spoke with concerns regarding the city's financial involvement with the LIV tournament. Specifically, he stated the hotel occupancy taxes were not as expected nor was the number of attendees. He stated he does not feel there was a great economic impact to the city as was anticipated. Additionally, he raised concerns regarding Saudi Arabian involvement. He stated that he does not feel it is fiscally responsible for the city to provide funding for the event.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Axberg expressed his appreciation to Mayor Pro Tem Fleming for his research, analysis and comments. He stated that there is no real risk to the city for the financial investment because the city will be reimbursed in the future. He commented that the hotel occupancy tax report timing may not be accurately reporting taxes collected during the month of September 2024 when the tournament was held. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Axberg added that there are benefits to the city, such

as for the non-profit volunteers who will financially benefit, and stated that it is a family oriented event. He believes there is value to the community to have the tournament held in Carrollton.

Mayor Pro Tem Fleming responded that he requested to see the 2024 contract between LIV and Outlier and was denied his request. Lastly, he questioned where the vendors at the event are permitted.

Councilmember Watters spoke in favor of this item. She advised that events such as this will help the city branding as an event city, and feels it is a good investment.

Mayor Babick spoke in favor. He noted this is supported by the Governor's Trust Fund and all expenses are documented to the state.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Axberg moved to approve Item No. 10; Councilmember Cline seconded the motion. Motion passed with a vote of 5-1; Mayor Pro Tem Fleming voted in opposition.

- *11. Consider A Resolution In Support Of An Application For Funding Through TxDOT For The Construction Of A Multi-use Trail Along The DART Silver Line, North Of Belt Line Road Between Downtown Carrollton And McInnish Park.**
- *12. Consider A Resolution In Support Of An Application For Funding Through TxDOT For The Construction Of A Multi-Use Trail Between The TC Rice Park And The Carrollton Blue Trail At Furneaux Creek.**
- *13. Consider A Resolution For The Ratification Of Emergency Storm Debris Removal Services By Crowdergulf, LLC. In An Amount Not To Exceed \$510,800.**

PUBLIC FORUM

- 14. 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.

Mr. Vidovic (no address given): Spoke concerning Council's campaign contributions.

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

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

ATTEST:

Chloe Sawatzky, City Secretary

Steve Babick, Mayor