

**CARROLLTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AND WORKSESSION
FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

The City Council of the City of Carrollton, Texas convened in a Regular Meeting and Worksession on Tuesday, February 17, 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.

1. Receive information and discuss Agenda.

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

It was noted that Item 10 will be pulled from the Consent Agenda due to inaccurate text. It will be revised and included on a future agenda.

Executive Session was convened following Item 5.

2. Council convened into Executive Session at 6:35 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.
 - Carrollton v. Austin Waters Townhomes Association, et al, Case No. 25-9819-431 (Denton County)
3. Council reconvened in Open Session at 6:45 p.m. to consider action, if any, on matters discussed in the Executive Session. No action was taken.

The Regular Meeting was convened at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

*****WORKSESSION*****

4. Receive An Overview Of The City's Annual Financial Report For The Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2025.

Chief Financial Officer Diana Vaughn provided a high level overview of the City's Annual Financial Report (ACFR). She stated that the city has a target timeframe of 120 days to complete the ACFR, adding that the state requires it be completed and posted on the website within 180 days. She explained how the ACFR is used, stating it is the basis for the city's annual and multi-year budgets and it provides accountability to the taxpayers.

Ms. Vaughn advised that the city’s current audit was performed by Forvis Mazars, along with the federal audit. The audit received unmodified and clean opinions. It has been posted on the city website and hard copies are available for the Council.

Ms. Vaughn provided a comparison of portions of this year’s ACFR versus the previous year. She reviewed revenues and expenses over time as well as debt over time. She explained that bonds approved in an election are sold when needed for projects and noted that in May 2026 there will be another bond election for proposed future projects.

The cost of employee health care was provided. A breakdown of how sales tax is used and the primary types of sales tax were reviewed. Ms. Vaughn stated that staff are continuing to monitor major revenue sources and financial risks. She noted that legislative actions impacting sales tax will be monitored. Mayor Babick stated that this subject could possibly be discussed during the City Council Retreat.

5. Mayor And Council Reports And Information Sharing.

Council reviewed their recent activities and upcoming events.

Executive Session was convened following Item 5.

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

Mayor Babick called the Regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION – Councilmember Richard Fleming

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember Nancy Cline

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.

Mayor Babick advised that Item 10 would be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

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 moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7-9 and 11-16; second by Mayor Pro Tem Axberg. The motion was approved with a unanimous 7-0 vote.

MINUTES

- *7. Consider Approval Of The January 20, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes.**
- *8. Consider Approval Of The February 3, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes.**

CONTRACTS & AGREEMENTS

- *9. Consider Approval Of Repair And Resurfacing Of Pickleball Courts With Master Systems Courts Through An Inter-Local Agreement With Texas Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) In An Amount Not To Exceed \$243,435.50.**
- *10. Consider Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With Catapult Staffing, LLC, Through GSA Purchasing Cooperative, For Staffing Services In A Total Amount Not To Exceed \$1,200,000.00.**

Item 10 was pulled from the Consent Agenda.

- *11. Consider Authorizing The City Manager To Execute Change Order No. 7 With Apple Pavement Services LLC As Part Of The City-Wide Sidewalk Improvements - Phase 4 Project, In An Amount Not To Exceed \$18,000.00, Increasing The Total Project Contract To An Amount Not To Exceed \$1,730,185.10.**
- *12. Consider Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With OUTFRONT Media For Billboard Rental In an Amount Not To Exceed \$199,940.00.**

RESOLUTIONS

- *13. Consider A Resolution Accepting The Investment Officer's Quarterly Report For First Quarter Ended December 31, 2025.**
- *14. Consider A Resolution Acknowledging Receipt Of The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report For The Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2025.**
- *15. Consider A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Negotiate And Execute A Professional Services Contract With Halff Associates, Inc. For Engineering Services Related To The T.C. Rice Regional Trail In An Amount Not To Exceed \$1,819,200.00.**
- *16. Consider A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Negotiate And Execute A Professional Services Contract With Quorum Architects, Inc. For Architectural And**

Engineering Services Related To The Carrollton Animal Services Building Renovation And Expansion Project In An Amount Not To Exceed \$540,645.00.

PUBLIC FORUM

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Mayor Babick opened the public forum.

Heather Ashwell-Hair, 1209 St. Tropez: Spoke regarding the difference between mandatory and voluntary HOAs.

Doug Becker, 1229 Jeanette Way: Spoke regarding Josey Ranch voluntary HOA and damage done to the perimeter walls.

Perla Canales, 1202 Normandy: Spoke regarding accident damage to the brick wall behind her home.

Pat Cochran, 1407 Overture Way: Spoke regarding the Keller Springs' roadway widening, traffic conditions and the brick wall that needs repair.

Suzanna Dooling, 1406 Overture Way: Spoke regarding trash in a city creek.

Robert Fernandez, 1222 Normandy: Spoke regarding Josey Ranch and damage done to the perimeter wall.

Crystal Walker, 2112 McCoy (Josey Ranch HOA President): Spoke regarding the need for city assistance to maintain the non-homeowner areas of the Josey Ranch neighborhood including the perimeter walls.

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

ADJOURNMENT - Mayor Babick adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

ATTEST:

Chloe Sawatzky, City Secretary

Steve Babick, Mayor