

**CARROLLTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING AND WORKSESSION  
MARCH 24, 2026**

The City Council of the City of Carrollton, Texas convened in a Regular Meeting and Worksession on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 5:45 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Steve Babick, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Daisy Palomo, Councilmembers 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.

Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Axberg and Councilmember Nancy Cline attended via videoconference.

**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.

Council discussed Buddy Bonner as Carrollton's nominee to fill a vacancy on the Denton Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. Council consensus was to nominate Buddy Bonner. No other nominations were made.

*Worksession Item 4 was addressed next.*

2. Council convened into Executive Session at 6:49 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 7:02 p.m. to consider action, if any, on matters discussed in the Executive Session.

**\*\*\*WORKSESSION\*\*\***

**4. Present Information Technology Project Updates.**

Mayor Babick introduced Chris Chiancone, Chief Information Officer, and announced that he is the recipient of the ORBIE Award.

Mr. Chiancone provided Annual Project Activity Report for the IT Department. He reviewed the primary tasks that IT is responsible for and explained that IT also contracts with outside contractors to

accomplish certain projects. He described the support provided by IT to the various city departments, including data regarding city-wide Security Operations over the past year.

Mr. Chiancone reviewed the 17 completed projects that were successfully delivered over the past year. He added that currently there are 14 projects underway and 9 in the planning phase. Particular projects to improve Fire and Police operations and Police drone operations were described. Additionally, Mr. Chiancone advised that the city-wide fiber network deployment is completed. He added that the Carrie Mobile Application is nearing completion. Carrie is the new mobile app that residents may use to report issues, ask questions, or research city ordinances.

**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 7:12 p.m.

**INVOCATION** – Councilmember Rowena Watters

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Councilmember Richard Fleming

**PRESENTATIONS**

**6. Present Certificates To Carrollton-Farmers Branch High School Students For The Completion Of The Vector Fleet Management Automotive Apprenticeship Program.**

Dwayne Bianco, Director of Fleet Services, advised that Carrollton’s fleet maintenance company is Vector Fleet. He explained the relationship the City has with Vector Fleet and Creekview High School. Representatives from Vector Fleet and Creekview High School presented awards to Creekview High School students who have participated in the automotive repair program.

**7. Present Proclamation To The American Red Cross Recognizing Red Cross Month.**

Mayor Babick read a proclamation proclaiming March 2026 as:

***Red Cross Month in Carrollton, Texas***

He presented the proclamation to American Red Cross Advisory Board Member Stephanie Valadez. She offered words of appreciation.

**8. Present Proclamation Recognizing Women’s History Month.**

Mayor Babick recognized Carrollton’s current female City Council members, city department directors, city manager, and city attorney. He also recognized a previous Carrollton Mayor along with former female Council members, female school district officials, female county officials, and female state representatives who were present for this recognition.

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

9. **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.)*

**Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Palomo moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 10-19; second by Councilmember Palacios. The motion was approved with a unanimous 7-0 vote.**

**MINUTES**

- \*10. Consider Approval Of The March 3, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes.

**BIDS & PURCHASES**

- \*11. Consider Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With Onyx Paving & Utility, LLC Pursuant To Bid #26-011 For Boring And Trenching Services In An Amount Not To Exceed \$667,000.00 Annually, For A Total Three-Year Contract Amount Not To Exceed \$2,001,000.00.

**CONTRACTS & AGREEMENTS**

- \*12. Consider Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With Onyx Paving & Utility, LLC. Pursuant To BID #26-010 For Sidewalk Replacement Program In An Amount Not To Exceed \$400,000.00 Annually, For A Total Three-Year Contract Amount Not To Exceed \$1,200,000.00.

- \*13. 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 Annual Amount Not To Exceed \$400,000.00.**

**RESOLUTIONS**

- \*14. Consider A Resolution Nominating A Candidate To Fill A Vacancy On The Denton Central Appraisal District For The Board Of Directors.**

*During the Work Session discussion of Consent Agenda items, Council discussed Buddy Bonner as Carrollton's nominee to fill a vacancy on the Denton Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. Council consensus was to nominate Buddy Bonner.*

- \*15. Consider A Resolution Authorizing A Third Extension To A Civil Service Employee's Injury Leave As It Pertains To Texas Local Government Code Chapter 143.073.**
- \*16. Consider A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Carrollton, Texas, Authorizing The City Manager To Take All Necessary Action Related To The Submission Of Applications Through The 2025 Homeland Security Grant Program And Acceptance Of Specific Awards Under The 2025 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant And The 2025 State Homeland Security Program Grant In An Amount Not To Exceed \$300,000.**
- \*17. Consider A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Carrollton, Texas, Authorizing The City Manager To Take All Necessary Action Related To The Submission Of Applications Through The 2026 Homeland Security Grant Program And Acceptance Of Specific Awards Under The 2026 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant And The 2026 State Homeland Security Program Grant In An Amount Not To Exceed \$300,000.**
- \*18. Consider A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into A Project Specific Agreement With Dallas County Road And Bridge District #4 For The Mill And Asphalt Overlay Of Various Streets Located Within Park Terrace Subdivision In An Amount Not To Exceed \$675,424.99.**
- \*19. Consider A Resolution Approving The Appointment Of New Members Of The Carrollton Police Reserve Pursuant To The Carrollton Code of Ordinances, Section 35.60(B), Which Authorizes Such Appointment By The Chief of Police.**

**PUBLIC HEARING – INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

- 20. Hold A Public Hearing And Consider A Resolution Adopting The Amended Program Year 2025 Community Development Block Grant One-Year Plan Of Action And Budget.**

Cory Heiple, Environmental Services Director, advised that this item is to conduct a public hearing and adopt a resolution amending the 2025 Community Development Block Grant budget. He advised that some projects are being delayed and the funding for those items will be moved to next year. In addition, a new project is being added. He noted that this is the second year of the five-year Consolidated Plan.

Mr. Heiple reviewed that Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is providing \$755,813 in new funding and there is an additional \$972,537 in unspent funding included. He advised that the city receives approximately \$750,000 per year in grant funds from HUD. He reviewed that the CDBG funding must serve low-to-moderate income residents. He stated that this effort is accomplished through housing repair programs, infrastructure, and public services. He noted that HUD rules limit infrastructure projects and public services.

Mr. Heiple stated that the new project for the 2025 CDBG is the Park Terrace Mill and Overlay. He noted that \$1 million has been allotted in the event there are any overages. This item was approved as Item 18 on the Consent Agenda earlier in this meeting.

Mr. Heiple provided the list of projects included in the 2025 budget, stating that there are three projects being delayed. The Scott Mill Panel Replacement is being delayed. The Brake, Kirby, Cox Infrastructure and the Francis Perry Streets and Sidewalks projects will be included in the 2026 CDBG list of projects.

Mayor Babick opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, he closed the public hearing.

**Councilmember Palacios moved to approve Item 20; Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Palomo seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a unanimous 7-0 vote.**

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

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**ADJOURNMENT** - Mayor Babick adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

*Chloe Sawatzky*

Chloe Sawatzky, City Secretary

*Steve Babick*

Steve Babick, Mayor

