

**CARROLLTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AND WORKSESSION
MARCH 3, 2026**

The City Council of the City of Carrollton, Texas convened in a Regular Meeting and Worksession on Tuesday, March 3, 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.

Mayor Babick advised that Consent Items 9 and 10 would have a presentation. He reviewed the following information regarding these items:

Mayor Babick provided an overview of Items 9 and 10. Item 9 involves a proposed Interlocal Agreement with Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) establishing a six-year General Mobility Program that will distribute funding to eligible service area cities for transportation-related projects. The North Central Texas Council of Governments will supplement the program with additional funding beginning in FY 2027, increasing annually through FY 2031. Cities must remain DART members to be eligible for the funds, which are scheduled to be distributed annually beginning October 1, 2026.

Item 10 relates to a proposed agreement between the City and DART to support development within Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones (TIRZ). The agreement would allow DART to invest in redevelopment projects within designated zones to encourage transit-oriented development, increase ridership, and support economic growth.

Discussion followed.

Item 3 was addressed at this time.

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

Executive Session was convened following the conclusion of the Regular Meeting.

1. Council convened into Executive Session at 7:44 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.

2. Council reconvened in Open Session at 7:51 p.m. to consider action, if any, on matters discussed in the Executive Session. No action was taken.

*****WORKSESSION*****

3. Discuss **Multi-Year Budget And Financial Forecast.**

Melissa Everett, Director of Finance, provided an overview of the City’s multi-year budget and financial forecast for fiscal years 2027–2031 for the General Fund and Utility Fund, noting it serves as an early preview of the FY 2026–2027 budget. She reviewed economic conditions, including legislative impacts from the 89th Regular Legislative Session, ballot propositions from the March 3, 2026 Primary Election, tariff impacts, and national economic indicators.

Ms. Everett summarized General Fund projections, noting ad valorem tax revenues are on track for FY2026 with a projected 3.5% increase in FY2027. Sales tax revenues are expected to remain flat, while franchise fees are stable, fines and forfeitures are projected to decrease slightly, and service charges are expected to increase. Expenditure projections include 2% annual employee compensation increases and 5% annual increases in employee health insurance costs. She also reviewed rising operational costs, planned capital and equipment expenditures, and noted that upcoming fire stations will be funded through Save-As-You-Go funding. The Hotel Motel Fund will provide \$400,000 for Festival at the Switchyard expenses.

Utility Fund projections were also reviewed, including potential rate increases over the next five years. Water and sewer consumption is projected to increase by approximately 2% annually, while Dallas Water Utilities costs are expected to increase by 5% annually and sewer treatment costs by 1% annually. Ms. Everett also noted the implementation of a new storm water drainage fee.

A schedule for upcoming budget meetings and submittals was provided. Mayor Pro Tem Axberg requested that staff provide information at a future meeting regarding the impact of economic decisions on the City’s financial forecast.

Mayor Babick advised Council to turn in their questions to staff.

4. **Mayor And Council Reports And Information Sharing.**

Council reviewed their recent activities and upcoming events.

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

Mayor Babick called the Regular meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

INVOCATION – Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Daisy Palomo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember Andrew Palacios

PRESENTATIONS

5. Present **Certificate to the Mayor’s Spotlight Award Recipient.**

This item was not addressed.

6. Present Life Saving Award To Care Team Members, Firefighters, Police Officers, And Dispatchers For Their Work In Achieving First Avive 4MC Save.

Fire Chief Thompson recognized Care Team Members: Firefighters, Police Officers, Dispatchers, Medical Personnel and other individuals who were instrumental in responding to an individual who suffered a cardiac event. This was the first Avive 4MC save in the State of Texas and resulted in the individual recovering.

Mayor Babick offered comments regarding Carrollton and this life saving program. Certificates and Challenge Coins were issued to Care Team Members.

CITIZEN COMMENT

7. 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 the citizen comment period.

Keun Lee spoke regarding Item 9 and a possible funding gap for DART.

Mayor Babick closed the citizen comment period.

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 8-19; second by Mayor Pro Tem Axberg. The motion was approved with a unanimous 7-0 vote.

MINUTES

- *8. Consider Approval Of The February 17, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes.**

CONTRACTS & AGREEMENTS

- *9. Consider Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Interlocal Agreement For General Mobility Funds With Dallas Area Rapid Transit.**
- *10. Consider Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Interlocal Cooperation Agreement For Contributions To Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones With Dallas Area Rapid Transit.**
- *11. Consider Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With Catapult Staffing, LLC, Through DIR Purchasing Cooperative, For Staffing Services In A Total Amount Not To Exceed \$1,200,000.00.**
- *12. Consider Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With Bound Tree Medical LLC Pursuant To An Interlocal Agreement With The City Of Midlothian For RFP 10.2025_1 2025-28 Emergency Medical System (EMS) Supplies, In An Amount Not To Exceed \$250,000.00 Annually, For A Total Five-Year Contract Amount Not To Exceed \$1,250,000.00.**
- *13. Consider Authorizing The City Manager To Approve A Construction Contract With Garret Shields Infrastructure, LLC For The Whitlock Addition Street Reconstruction Phase 3 Project In An Amount Not To Exceed \$7,007,354.10.**
- *14. Consider Authorizing The City Manager to Execute Change Order No. 04 With Gomez Floor Covering, Inc. Dba GFC Contracting, For Additional Work On The City Hall Basement Remodel Project In An Amount Not To Exceed \$3,979.00, Increasing The Total Project Contract To \$965,925.00.**
- *15. Consider Authorizing The City Manager To Execute Change Order No. 04 With Camino Construction, LP. For Additional Work As Part Of Country Villas Street Reconstruction Project, In An Amount Not To Exceed \$18,000.00, Increasing The Total Project Contract To An Amount Not To Exceed \$8,065,045.00.**
- *16. Consider Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With Solid Border, Through Texas DIR Purchasing Cooperative, For Managed Security Services In An Annual Amount Not To Exceed \$160,000.00, For A Three-Year Total Not To Exceed \$480,000.00.**

RESOLUTIONS

- *17. Consider Approval Of A Resolution Appointing A Member To The Museum And Historic Advisory Committee.**
- *18. Consider A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Negotiate And Execute A Professional Services Agreement With Hoefer Welker, LLC, For Design, Plan**

Preparation And Construction Administration Assistance For The Fire Station 5 And South Service Center Replacement Project In An Amount Not To Exceed \$2,835,000.00.

- *19. Consider A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Negotiate And Execute A Professional Services Agreement With Kimley-Horn Associates, Inc. For Engineering Services Related To Intersection Improvements At Josey Lane And Parker Road In An Amount Not To Exceed \$390,700.00.**

PUBLIC HEARING – INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- 20. Hold A Public Hearing To Consider An Ordinance Amending The Zoning To Establish A Special Use Permit To Allow Other Motor Vehicle Sales On An Approximately 8.79 Acre Lot Zoned (LI) Light Industrial District And Located At 1519 West Belt Line Road; Amending The Official Zoning Map Accordingly. Case No. PLSUP 2025-163 Romco Auto Sales.**

Planning Manager Loren Shapiro presented this item. He advised the applicant, who has a business at this location in Carrollton since 2017, would like to be able to display larger construction vehicles for sale at this site. There are three display areas planned. A conceptual site plan was provided. Staff is recommending approval.

Councilmember Cline inquired whether there is existing paving in the display areas, voicing concerns over drainage. Mr. Shapiro advised the paving is existing.

Mayor Babick asked if the applicant would like to speak. The applicant was not present.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Palomo asked if the display areas are enclosed areas or open areas. Mr. Shapiro advised the areas are enclosed by security fencing and are toward the rear of the property.

Mayor Babick opened and closed the public hearing with no one wishing to speak.

Councilmember Carpenter moved to approve Item 20; second by Mayor Pro Tem Axberg. The motion was approved with a 6-1 vote. Councilmember Cline voted in opposition.

PUBLIC FORUM

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Mayor Babick opened the public forum.

Emily Ferric: Spoke regarding immigration enforcement in Denton and Dallas County areas of Carrollton.

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

At 7:40 p.m. the Regular Meeting concluded. Mayor Babick continued with the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT - Mayor Babick adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

Chloe Sawatzky, City Secretary

Steve Babick, Mayor