

**CARROLLTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL PLANNING SESSION
JULY 24, 2026**

The City Council of the City of Carrollton, Texas convened in a Special Planning Session on Friday, July 24, 2026 with the following members present: Mayor Steve Babick, Mayor Pro Tem Daisy Palomo, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jason Carpenter, Councilmembers Christopher Axberg, Richard Fleming, Lisa Sutter, Nancy Cline, 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.

**FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2026
8:00 A.M. – MUNICIPAL COURTS – COMMUNITY ROOM**

1. Receive Information And Discuss Agenda.

Mayor Babick called the meeting to order, welcomed all attendees, and provided an overview of the day's agenda and planned discussions.

2. Receive Update On 2025 - 2026 Accomplishments And Strategic Initiatives.

City Manager Erin Rinehart provided an overview of the City's accomplishments from the prior year and presented a brief update on an upcoming strategic initiative for the next fiscal year. The initiative will focus on evaluating departmental programs through a strategic lens, ensuring alignment with the City Council's Vision and Goals.

3. Receive Update On Strategic Planning.

Krystle Boise, Strategic Services Director, provided an update on the City's departmental strategic business planning through Cascade, including key performance indicators (KPIs) related to HOME. Council also received a brief overview and reminder of the City's Vision Plan, Downtown Master Plan, Sustainability Plan, and Parks Master Plan.

4. Receive Update On Infrastructure And Bond Projects.

Jody Byerly, Public Works Director, and Jonathan Wheat, Engineering Director, provided an infrastructure update, highlighting accomplishments from the prior year and upcoming projects, with an emphasis on Bond Projects. Diana Vaughn, Chief Financial Officer, provided a brief update regarding the City's bonds.

5. Receive Development Update.

Ravi Shah, Executive Director of Development Services, provided an update on development, including accomplishments from the prior year and upcoming development projects.

6. Receive Update On 2027 Legislative Session.

Larry Gonzales, the City's Legislative Consultant, provided an overview of the upcoming Legislative Session, including potential legislative issues and threats, as well as the City's position on key legislative matters.

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7. Receive Presentation On The State Of The Workforce.

Samantha Dean, Workforce Services Director, presented the State of the Workforce update and the department's Addition to Base request.

Krystle Boise presented the Strategic Services Addition to Base request.

8. Receive Departmental Updates And Addition To Base Requests.

City Council received a presentation from each department that submitted an Addition to Base request. The requests were presented by Parks and Recreation, Library, Economic Development, Engineering, Public Works, Fire, and Police.

Council was provided with an opportunity to ask questions and discuss ahead of the upcoming budget process.

9. Discuss Council Initiatives Related To City Citywide Vision And Planning.

Council engaged in an open discussion regarding the City's key budgetary policies and priorities, with an emphasis on the upcoming budget cycle and the 2027 Legislative Session. Diana Vaughn provided a high-level overview of the City's financial preparedness and strategies for addressing potential financial challenges.

10. Review Next Steps And Share Final Thoughts.

Councilmembers shared final thoughts.

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Babick adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:15pm.

ATTEST:

Chloe Sawatzky, City Secretary

Steve Babick, Mayor