

**CARROLLTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR WORKSESSION AND MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Carrollton, Texas convened in a Regular Worksession and Meeting on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 5:45 p.m. with the following members present; Mayor Kevin Falconer, Mayor Pro Tem Glen Blanscet, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem John Sutter, Councilmembers James Lawrence, Mike Hennefer, Frances Cruz, Young Sung and Doug Hrbacek. Also present were City Manager Erin Rinehart, Assistant City Managers Marc Guy, Chrystal Davis and Bob Scott, City Attorney Meredith Ladd and City Secretary Laurie Garber.

5:45 P.M. – COUNCIL BRIEFING ROOM

*****PRE-MEETING/EXECUTIVE SESSION*****

Mayor Falconer called the meeting to order at 5:47 p.m.

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

2. Council convened in **Executive Session at 5:47 pm** 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 551.072** to discuss certain matters regarding real property
3. Council adjourned the Executive Session **at 6:18 pm to reconvene in open session** to consider action, if any, on matters discussed in the Executive Session. No action taken.

*****WORKSESSION*****

Mayor Falconer convened the Worksession at 6:18 pm.

1. Receive **information and discuss Consent Agenda.**
4. Receive **Update On The 85th Texas Legislative Session By Representative Ron Simmons.**

Representative Ron Simmons explained that the State budget is primarily ruled by education (approx 40%) and health and human services (40%) so there's flexibility in only about 20% of the budget and a big portion of that is transportation. He talked about the legislation adopted to unify the regulations state-wide on Uber type companies noting they are required to provide services for the disabled. He also talked about property taxes and other bills that could have an impact on cities. Lastly he advised that he serves on the Transportation Committee and the Appropriations Committee. He addressed a variety of general questions.

5. Discuss **Nominations To The Appraisal Districts' Board Of Directors.**

Asst City Mgr/CFO Bob Scott explained that Dallas County is organized uniquely in that all the suburban cities share one representative and that person is Michael Hurtt from DeSoto who would

like to continue to serve. With regard to Denton County, he advised that the Council could nominate someone and also explained that the votes are apportioned according to the tax levy.

With regard to Dallas County, a consensus was reached to support Michael Hurtt, Further discussion was needed regarding Denton County.

Mayor Falconer recessed the Worksession at 7:05 to convene the Regular Meeting.

*****REGULAR MEETING*****

Mayor Falconer called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

INVOCATION – Deputy Mayor Pro Tem John Sutter

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and TEXAS PLEDGE – Councilmember Young Sung

PRESENTATIONS

7. Present A Proclamation Declaring October 6, 2017 As Manufacturing Day.

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 Falconer opened the floor for a motion on Consent Agenda.

Councilmember Hrbacek moved approval of Consent Agenda Items 8-22; second by Mayor Pro Tem Blanscet and the motion was approved with a unanimous 7-0 vote.

MINUTES

***8. Consider Approval Of The September 5, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes.**

BIDS & PURCHASES

***9. Consider Approval Of The Purchase Of Safety Equipment From National Trench Safety In An Amount Not To Exceed \$42,436.00.**

***10. Consider Approval Of The Purchase Of Two (2) Motorcycles For The Police Department From Maverick Harley Davidson Through An Inter-Local Agreement With The City Of Frisco In An Amount Not To Exceed \$62,392.50**

***11. Consider Approval Of Bid # 17-043 For The Purchase Of Sod For Various Departments From Various Vendors In An Amount Not To Exceed \$62,000.00**

***12. Consider Approval Of The Purchase Of Ten (10) Lucas Chest Compression Systems For Carrollton Fire Rescue From Physio Control In An Amount Not To Exceed \$188,693.00.**

***13. Consider Approval Of The Purchase Of Two (2) Vehicles From Reliable Chevrolet Through An Inter-Local Agreement With Tarrant County In An Amount Not To Exceed \$75,960.88**

CONTRACTS & AGREEMENTS

***14. Consider Authorizing The City Manager To Approve Change Order #1 With McMahon Contracting, L.P. For Additional Costs Related To The Lowering Of Water Services For The Palo Alto Park, Phase 1 NOTICE Street Reconstruction Project In An Amount Not To Exceed \$118,950.00.**

ORDINANCE

***15. Consider An Ordinance Amending Chapter 31, The Comprehensive Fee Schedule, Effective October 1, 2017.**

RESOLUTIONS

***16. Consider A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With Metrocrest Services, Inc. For Services To Be Provided To Carrollton Citizens For The 2017-18 Fiscal Year.**

***17. Consider A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With Children's Advocacy Center For Denton County For Services To Be Provided To Carrollton Citizens For The 2017-18 Fiscal Year.**

***18. Consider A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Execute An Agreement With The City Of Dallas, As The Fiscal Agent, And The County Of Dallas, For The 2017 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program Award.**

***19. Consider A Resolution Acknowledging A Petition To Annex Approximately 5.01 Acres Of Land Generally Located At The Northwest Corner Of The Intersection Of Parker Road (FM 544) And Josey Lane; Directing The Development Of A Service Plan For The Proposed Annexation; Setting Dates For The Required Public Hearings; Directing The Publication Of Such Public Hearings And Providing An Effective Date. Case No. 10-17MD1 NWC Parker - Josey (Annexation). Case Coordinator: Loren Shapiro.**

***20. Consider A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into A Local Project Advance Funding Agreement With The Texas Department Of Transportation For The Construction Of A Bicycle Connection To Downtown Carrollton.**

***21. Consider A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into A Local Project Advance Funding Agreement With The Texas Department Of Transportation For The Construction Of Sidewalk Connections Between The DART Station And Downtown Carrollton, And For The Construction Of Various Sidewalk Improvements In The Downtown Area.**

***22. Consider A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Amend A Contract With Risa Weinberger & Associates, Inc. For Engineering Services Related To Landfill Cover Repair In The Amount Of \$26,350.00 For An Amended Total Contract Amount Not To Exceed \$115,285.00.**

OTHER BUSINESS

23. Consider An Ordinance Adopting And Approving An Operating And Capital Budget For The City Of Carrollton, Making Appropriations Therefore For The Fiscal Year October 1, 2017 Through September 30, 2018.

Mayor Falconer commented that the Council spent many hours to develop a very good budget. He explained that the language required appears that the tax rate is increased but Council was actually decreasing the tax rate and noted they were required by the State to use the particular language.

Councilmember Hrbacek moved to approve the ordinance adopting and approving an operating and capital budget for the City of Carrollton making appropriations therefore for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018; second by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Sutter and the motion was approved with a unanimous 7-0 vote.

24. Consider An Ordinance Establishing The Tax Rate And Tax Levy For The City Of Carrollton For The Tax Year 2017 Upon The Taxable Property In The City Of Carrollton In Conformity With The Laws Of The State Of Texas And The City.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Sutter moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 59.97 cents per \$100 evaluation which is effectively a 5.1% increase in the tax rate; second by Councilmember Hrbacek.

Mayor Pro Tem Blanscet underscored Mayor Falconer's earlier explanation of the change in the tax rate, noting that the 59.97 cent rate was the lowest tax rate in about 13 years in the City of Carrollton.

Councilmember Hennefer talked about the effective tax rate and voiced his feeling that the adoption of the tax rate was outstanding.

The motion was approved with a unanimous 7-0 vote.

25. Consider A Resolution Ratifying The Property Tax Increase Reflected In The Fiscal Year 2017-18 Operating Budget.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Sutter moved to approve the resolution ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the operating and capital budget for the City of Carrollton for Fiscal Year October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018; second by Councilmember Lawrence.

Councilmember Hrbacek stated this was his sixth and final budget as a city council member; and the Council has again increased services, invested in the community and for the fourth straight year, decreased the tax rate. He recognized Bob Scott and Pam Hodges for their hard work as well as the other staff members who work on developing the budget.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Sutter stressed that the budget process is a major undertaking. He explained that staff developed a budget that is very close to the expected income to fund the programs and services that the citizens expect and deserve, followed by Council deliberation to provide a balanced budget that best serves the needs of the citizens while maintaining the highest degree of fiscal responsibility. It was his feeling that the budget strikes the right balance of dollars spent for public safety and infrastructure, reinvestment, recreation, programs and services with a reduction in the tax rate. He stated he would be proudly supporting the budget.

Councilmember Hennefer applauded the comments and also expressed his appreciation for staff.

The motion was approved with a unanimous 7-0 vote.

PUBLIC FORUM

26. 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.

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 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.

Shevan Basmadjian, 2109 Hampton Court, stated she was part of the Armeniafest Planning Committee and extended an invitation for everyone to attend the family festival with food and games at the church.

Nolan Adams thanked the Council for ending participation in the 287g program.

Oscar Carreon, 2250 Marsh Lane, thanked the Council for ending participation in the 287g program.

Mayor Falconer adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:38 and announced that Council would reconvene in Worksession.

*****WORKSESSION*****

Mayor Falconer reconvened the Worksession at 7:42 pm.

6. Mayor and Council reports and information sharing.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Falconer adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.

ATTEST:

Laurie Garber, City Secretary

Kevin W. Falconer, Mayor