

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING  
CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON  
JANUARY 20, 2026

Present were Councilmembers Duane H. Rosenberg, Cynthia Mills, Lincoln Lashley, and Agnelli Sybel Malavé; Mayor Phelecia E Nembhard, City Manager Maisha Williams, DPW Director William Barclay, Police Chief Linwood Alston, and City Clerk Kaitlyn Schisler. Councilmember Urbina was excused.

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Council Chair Rosenberg in the Municipal Center, Room 230.

**II. Public Comments**

The following members of the public made comment:

- Craig McLane commend Public Works for their fine work at Beckett field.
- Councilmember Mills read a letter formally censuring Councilmember Urbina for conduct during the December 1, 2025 City Council meeting.
- Marilyn Padmore requested an update on stop sign cameras and raised concerns that street sweeping is ineffective when cars remain on the streets.
- Cynthia Poles-Suite suggested reducing street sweeping cost until a more structured management program is implemented.
- A resident clarified how Constant Contact worked, as well as the 72 hour rule.

**III. Council Announcements**

Council announcements included a reminder about the upcoming Four Cities meeting, a warning about an expected snow event and extreme cold, clarification of snow emergency parking rules, and notices about community programs, including Scouts meetings and free tax assistance through the IRS VITA program.

**IV. City Newsletter Discussion**

Council discussed the city newsletter format and costs, reviewing a proposed switch to black and white that would reduce the per-issue cost, though concerns were raised about appearance and past opposition. Additional suggestions included adjusting content timing, reducing size or mailing format to cut costs, and reconsidering advertising.

**V. Administration Duties vs. Council Duties**

The Mayor expressed concerns about council members directly contacting vendors or staff, noting it causes confusion and undermines administrative operations, and requested that such actions stop. Council members clarified the distinction between requests and directives, and agreed that the Mayor would be included on all communications with city employees.

**VI. Samsara Dormancy Report**

Council reviewed the Samsara Dormancy report on the city's vehicle fleet, discussed concerns about the age and condition of several vehicles, and received clarification that older vehicles remain serviceable, reimbursed total-loss vehicles were removed from the report, and some newer vehicles were not yet included due to pending installation of the Samsara system.

## **VII. Report of Mayor and Department Heads**

Department head reports were presented by Administration, Public Works, and Police, covering staffing vacancies, grant activity, capital and operational updates, and public safety statistics. The Mayor addressed community cleanliness, parking compliance, upcoming food distribution, and budget constraints, emphasizing that no tax increases are planned. Council discussion included questions on scheduling, bulk pickup enforcement, pending grants, purchasing policies, data reporting, parking and code enforcement consistency, and the handling of resident complaints, with staff providing clarifications and follow-up commitments.

## **VIII. Budget vs Actual Report**

Council reviewed the Budget Versus Actual report, receiving clarification on a \$125,000 consulting services budget amendment with no expenditures to date, confirmation of remaining funds from the in-house recycling transition, and explanation that cable TV equipment funds are restricted PEG revenues.

## **IX. Resolution 26-06**

Councilmember Malavé introduced Resolution 26-06 regarding a hiring and pay freeze pending a compensation study, seeking to prohibit budget amendments to cover unauthorized salary overages for certain department head positions and to reaffirm council authority over approved budget allocations.

## **X. Review of Bills for December**

The bills for December were presented to the Council to review.

## **XI. December Minutes**

December meeting minutes were presented to the Council for review.

## **XII. Motion to Adjourn**

Councilmember Lashley made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Mills seconded the motion. The motion passed (4-0-0) and the meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaitlyn Schisler  
City Clerk

**Note:** These minutes are a summary of the actions taken by the City Council and do not include all details of the discussions. Please refer to the official meeting video for a complete record.

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