

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON
JANUARY 21, 2026

Present were Councilmembers Duane H. Rosenberg, Cynthia Mills (virtual), Lincoln Lashley, Briana Urbina, 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.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chair Rosenberg in the Municipal Center, Room 230.

II. Residents Concerns

The following members of the public made comment:

- Briana Urbina announced recent changes made by the USPS postal service regarding mailing ballots.

III. DPW Request for Employees

The council reviewed DPW's request for hiring freeze exceptions for a sanitation worker and an administrative assistant due to retirements and staffing shortages. Discussion highlighted sanitation staff burnout, snow removal needs, and the administrative assistant's role in fleet monitoring and call bus operations. Salary information was noted, and the council generally expressed support for approving both positions.

IV. Administration Request for Employees

The council discussed an administrative request for a hiring freeze exception for an accounting specialist position following a recent resignation, leaving only the Comptroller in the finance department. The entry-level salary of \$56,000 was noted, and council members emphasized the position's urgency for maintaining financial controls. The council indicated majority support and anticipated voting on the request that evening.

V. Ordinance 26-05 Draft-Public Toilets

The council discussed Ordinance 26-05, an ordinance allowing portable toilets on residential properties during construction, as current code does not permit them. Members generally supported the change, with discussion on placement, time limits requiring permit renewal every 30 days, and whether screening should be required. Concerns about aesthetics and homeowner costs were raised, and it was agreed the draft legislation should be reviewed by the city attorney.

VI. Dates for Public Hearing

The council discussed rescheduling public hearings for the proposed voter eligibility legislation, aiming for publication in the March newsletter. After considering conflicts and workload concerns, the council agreed to hold the first public hearing on April 13th from 7:00–8:00 p.m. during the council workshop, followed by a shortened council meeting, and a second public hearing on Saturday, April 18th from 2:00–4:00 p.m., with no Town Hall scheduled for April.

VII. Adjust November Minutes

The council addressed a charter violation related to a November emergency budget amendment for dump truck purchases that failed to receive the required two-thirds vote. Members agreed the action was not compliant and directed the City Clerk to prepare an addendum to the November 18th minutes noting the charter deficiency.

VIII. Future Council Meeting Topics

Council discussed future meeting topics including a schools update, with Councilmember Mills proposing invitations to school principals, Board members, and candidates to review construction projects and district plans. Other topics included funding and proposals for the Hanko Building and Harland Street property, revisiting New Carrollton parking permits, and addressing rising electrical house fires with city-supported resident education and county inspections. Chair Rosenberg also raised a review of .gov email costs for potential cost savings.

IX. Motion to Adjourn

Councilmember Urbina made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lashley. The motion passed (5-0-0). The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE MEETING
CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON
JANUARY 21, 2026

Present were Councilmembers Duane H. Rosenberg, Cynthia Mills (virtual), Lincoln Lashley, Briana Urbina, 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.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:24 p.m. by Chair Rosenberg in the Municipal Center, Room 230.

II. Non-Consent Agenda

Councilmember Urbina made a motion for the City Council of the City of New Carrollton to move all items to the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lashley. The motion passed (5-0-0) and all items were moved to the consent agenda.

III. Consent Agenda

Councilmember Lashley moved that the City Council of the City of New Carrollton approved the consent items listed herein A through D. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Urbina. The motion passed (5-0-0).

a.	Approve the Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (December 1, 2025). Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (December 15, 2025). Council Workshop & Legislative Meeting Minutes (December 17, 2025).
b.	Approve DPW to hire for the positions of sanitation

	worker and administrative assistant.
c.	Approve Administration to hire for the position of accounting specialist.
d.	Approve Resolution 26-06

XI. Motion to Adjourn

Councilmember Urbina moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Lashley seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0-0). The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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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