

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON
JANUARY 7, 2025

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

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council Chair Rosenberg in the Municipal Center, Room 230.

II. Get to Know your Councilmember

Councilmember Urbina presented her slide in the “Get to Know your Councilmember” series. She presented a slide which detailed personal and professional information as an introduction to the public.

III. Residents Concerns/Public Comments

The following members of the public made comment:

- Steven John clarified figures from the red light camera trial and asked questions regarding the program’s implementation.
- Patricia Love asked a question to clarify where a vehicle must stop to prevent receiving a stop sign camera ticket.
- Craig McLane clarified that vehicles must stop before the stop bar and crosswalk to avoid a ticket. He also raised privacy concerns about using cameras or license plate readers in public, noting some people may be especially sensitive.

IV. Council Announcements

Council announcements included a flu advisory for residents, New Year well wishes, and reflections on raising expectations for 2026. Updates were also shared on an appointment to the county council, along with notices of free tax assistance for eligible residents and upcoming city meetings and community events.

IV. Samsara Dormancy Report Update

Administration clarified that the high mileage reported on a newer vehicle resulted from an odometer device transferred from an older car without being reset, and staff are coordinating with Samsara to revise the report for further discussion at a future meeting.

V. City Newsletter Discussion

City Manager Williams reported that alternative print options for the city newsletter are being reviewed to identify cost savings, with findings to be presented at the next meeting to inform budget considerations.

VI. Updated FY26 Council Meeting Calendar

Council revisited a previous discussion changing the first monthly meeting to Mondays in order to line up with Mayor’s Motivational Mondays, but this was not pursued due to frequent Monday holidays, and

Mayor's Motivational Mondays not always falling on the first Monday. Council determined that meetings will remain on Wednesdays.

VII. Speed and Red Light Camera Reporting

Chief Alston updated the council on red light, speed, and stop sign camera programs, noting high stop sign violations during a trial period and clarifying that reported revenues were net to the city. Next steps include submitting data to the county, selecting a vendor, and implementing a 30-day warning period, with additional discussion on traffic safety concerns, fine structures, and clarification of stopping requirements under state law.

VIII. 72 Hour Rule Update

Chief Alston reviewed the 72-hour parking ordinance, emphasizing complaint-driven enforcement, officer discretion, and communication with residents, with validation initiated through police upon a reported complaint. Council and resident discussion addressed fairness concerns, warning versus citation practices, and potential tools to improve enforcement, while staff also noted ongoing work to update the commercial vehicle code to clarify definitions and ensure equitable application.

IX. Four Cities Topics

Councilmembers were asked to submit agenda topics by week's end to share common issues and insights for the next Four Cities meeting on January 22nd in College Park.

X. Motion to Adjourn

Councilmember Urbina made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Mills seconded the motion. The motion passed (4-0-0) and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 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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