

**RICHARDSON CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2026  
WORK SESSION AT 6:00 PM**

**RICHARDSON CITY HALL, 2360 CAMPBELL CREEK BLVD., SUITE 525, RICHARDSON, TX 75082**

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**Closed Executive Session Authorized**

As authorized by Section 551.071 (2) of the Texas Government Code, this meeting may be convened into closed Executive Session to seek confidential legal advice from the City Attorney on any listed agenda item.

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**Videoconference Call Authorized**

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.127, one or more members of the City Council may participate in this meeting by videoconference call. A quorum of the City Council and the presiding officer will be present at the physical location of the meeting.

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**Meeting Information**

- City Council Rules of Order and Procedure: <https://www.cor.net/RulesofOrderandProcedure>
- Public Comment Cards for comments on agenda items, the visitors forum, or public hearings can be found at [www.cor.net/PublicCommentForm](http://www.cor.net/PublicCommentForm) and submitted online by 4 p.m. on the date of the meeting or in person before the meeting begins to be included in the public record.
- City Council meetings are available for viewing via live-stream online and on-demand at [www.cor.net/city](http://www.cor.net/city).

**WORK SESSION – 6:00 PM, MULTIPURPOSE ROOM #CH 157**

• **CALL TO ORDER**

**A. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS AND VISITORS FORUM**

Speakers must complete a public comment card and submit it to the City Secretary before the meeting begins. Speakers will have a maximum of 5 minutes to speak. The time allocated for all public comments is 30 minutes.

• **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

The public comment portion of the City Council meeting is scheduled at the beginning of the meeting to allow the public to address the City Council regarding an item listed on the agenda that is not a public hearing.

• **VISITORS FORUM**

The visitors forum portion of the meeting is set aside for members of the public to address the City Council on any topic in which the subject matter is within the jurisdiction of the City.

**B. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE 2026 FIFA WORLD CUP**

**C. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE OVER 65 AND DISABLED PERSONS EXEMPTION**

**D. REVIEW AND DISCUSS SAFER STREETS RICHARDSON**

**E. REVIEW AND DISCUSS EISEMANN CENTER OPERATIONS**

**F. REPORT ON ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

*The City Council will have an opportunity to address items of community interest, including: expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence; information regarding holiday schedules; an honorary or salutary recognition of a public official, public employee, or other citizen; a reminder about an upcoming event organized or sponsored by the City of Richardson; information regarding a social, ceremonial, or community event organized or sponsored by an entity other than the City of Richardson that was attended or is scheduled to be attended by a member of the City Council or an official or employee of the City of Richardson; and announcements involving an imminent threat to the public health and safety of people in the City of Richardson that has arisen after posting the agenda.*

- **VISITORS FORUM CONTINUED** *(if needed)*
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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

In compliance with Section 551.087 (1) and (2) of the Texas Government Code, Council will convene into a closed session to discuss the following:

- Deliberation Regarding Economic Development to deliberate commercial or financial information received from a business prospect or to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect.
  - Project Northpoint

**RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION**

Council will reconvene into open session, and take action, if any, on matters discussed in Executive Session.

- **ADJOURN**

I CERTIFY THE ABOVE AGENDA WAS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD AT THE RICHARDSON CITY HALL ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026, BY 5:30 P.M.

AIMEE NEMER, CITY SECRETARY

ACCOMMODATION REQUESTS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES SHOULD BE MADE AT LEAST 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING BY CONTACTING THE ADA COORDINATOR, VIA PHONE AT (972) 744-4168, VIA EMAIL AT [ADACOORDINATOR@COR.GOV](mailto:ADACOORDINATOR@COR.GOV), OR BY APPOINTMENT AT 2360 CAMPBELL CREEK BLVD., SUITE 525, RICHARDSON, TEXAS 75082.

PURSUANT TO SECTION 46.03, PENAL CODE (PLACES WEAPONS PROHIBITED), A PERSON MAY NOT CARRY A FIREARM OR OTHER WEAPON ON THIS PROPERTY. \*

FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE "PROPERTY" SHALL MEAN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OR ANY OTHER ROOM WHERE A MEETING SUBJECT TO AN OPEN MEETING UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 551 OF THE RICHARDSON CITY COUNCIL IS HELD.

*\*This does not apply to licensed carriers.*

**Item**

Review and discuss the 2026 FIFA World Cup initiatives

**Staff**

Michaela Dollar, Assistant City Manager  
Gary Tittle, Chief of Police

**Summary**

Staff will present an overview of the initiatives planned for the 2026 FIFA World Cup, including city activities, marketing strategy, and public safety.

**City Council Strategy**

Continue to explore unique opportunities to attract and retain residents and all stakeholders

**City Council Tactic**

Leverage the 2026 World Cup to position Richardson as a premier international destination.

**Background**

The 2026 FIFA World Cup is expected to bring millions of visitors to the North Texas region during matches scheduled for June and July. Several City of Richardson departments will be involved in coordinating activities, events, and operational responses related to the tournament. Staff will present an overview of planned activities, the marketing strategy launching in February, and the measures in place to ensure the safety of residents and visitors.

**Item**

Review of 65+ & Disabled Persons Exemption

**Staff**

Todd Gastorf, Director of Finance

**Summary**

Staff will provide an overview of the current 65+ and disabled persons exemption and provide a recommendation to maintain the exemption at its current level.

**City Council Strategies**

- Maintain strong fund balance and bond rating
  - Conduct annual review of property tax exemptions and financial policies

**Background**

The City's Financial Policies provide that each year during the budget process the City Council will review the exemption for those people who are 65+ and/or disabled with a goal to maintain a tax benefit of approximately 30% of the average home value. The current exemption amount is \$160,000.

**Financial Considerations**

Any increase in the exemption amount or the number of properties qualifying for the exemption would have an incremental cost to the City by reducing property tax revenues.

**Proposed Action/Motion**

Staff recommends maintaining the current exemption of \$160,000. No action is required from City Council to maintain the exemption at its current level.

**Item**

Review and discuss Safer Streets Richardson

**Staff**

Mark Nelson, Director of Transportation & Mobility  
Pritam Deshmukh, P.E., Assistant Director of Transportation & Mobility  
Daniel Herrig, P.E., Mobility Program Manager

**Summary**

Staff will provide an update on the development of the Safer Streets Richardson plan, including a background on the planning study, efforts completed, and next steps to complete the plan.

**City Council Strategies**

- Continue to explore unique opportunities to attract and retain residents and all stakeholders
- Work to increase public engagement and input
- Value, protect, and create a positive return on City, resident, and other stakeholder investments in the City
- Explore alternative funding opportunities

**Background**

Richardson's 2023 Active Transportation Plan and Envision Richardson both recommended development of a Safety Action Plan to study roadway safety in more detail for all road users. The City received a funding award from the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) and contracted with Fehr and Peers to conduct the Safety Action Plan which began in Summer 2025.

Safer Streets Richardson, the City's Safety Action Plan, has advanced through the initial phase of development by engaging with residents and stakeholders to receive input, developing a vision statement and guiding principles, and conducting a data-driven safety analysis. This foundation will inform the next phase of the project to develop potential projects and strategies as well as recommend potential changes to policies and processes which will prioritize roadway safety in the community.

**Item**

Review and Discuss Eisemann Center Operations

**Staff**

Ally Haynes-Hamblen, Executive Director

**Summary**

Staff presenting an overview of the Charles W. Eisemann Center for Performing Arts and Corporate Presentations. Overview to include Eisemann Center's mission, recent process and program improvements, budget history, organizational chart, benchmark data, rental event revenue analysis, and long-term strategies for future growth.

**City Council Strategies**

Continue to explore unique opportunities to attract and retain residents and all stakeholders.

**Background**

The Charles W. Eisemann Center for Performing Arts and Corporate Presentations, which opened on September 12, 2002, is in the heart of the City of Richardson's Galatyn Park Urban Center. The 117,000 sq. ft. facility features three (3) primary venues suitable for supporting a wide range of theatre, music, and dance events while at the same time providing unique settings for meetings, lectures, banquets, and receptions. The center has hosted over 10,000 events, both public and private, with attendance exceeding 3.6 million. The Center's budget consists of Eisemann Center Operations, the Public Parking Garage, Eisemann Center Presents, all funded through earned and contributed revenue generated by Eisemann Center programs, as well as the Hotel-Motel Tax Fund. Additional funding for specialized equipment replacement comes from a Facilities Maintenance Fee account which is funded through ticket sales transactions at the Eisemann Center ticket office. The Eisemann Center employs 30 full-time staff and 10 part-time staff to oversee and run the day-to-day operations of this nationally recognized performing arts center.

**Proposed Action/Motion**

No action is requested of Council on this presentation.