

**RICHARDSON CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026
WORK SESSION AT 6:00 PM
RICHARDSON CITY HALL, 2360 CAMPBELL CREEK BLVD., SUITE 525, RICHARDSON, TX 75082**

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.

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.

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 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.

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. RECOGNITION FOR THE WINNERS OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ESSAY CONTEST AND BLACK HISTORY MONTH ART CONTEST

C. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS 2026-2027 SEASON

D. 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)**

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.
 - Arapaho Station
 - Project Assembly

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, APRIL 28, 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, 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

Recognition for the winners of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest and Black History Month Art Contest

Staff

Greg Sowell, Communications and Community Engagement Director

Staff/Guest Attendees

Greg Sowell, Communications and Community Engagement Director

Summary

Every year the City of Richardson hosts an annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest and Black History Month Art Contest. This year's winners, and participating judges, will be recognized during the City Council meeting.

City Council Strategies

Promote avenues for public engagement and input

Background

In 2021, the City Council initiated the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest and Black History Month Art Contest. These events aim to foster diversity and inclusion within the community. They are organized in collaboration with the Richardson Independent School District (RISD), Plano Independent School District (PISD), the University of Texas at Dallas (UT Dallas), and the Cultural Arts Commission. Winners are honored at the end of the contests, with their achievements and works highlighted through various outreach channels, starting with a presentation to the City Council.

Proposed Action/Motion

Group photo to follow presentation

Item

Review and discuss the Eisemann Center Presents 2026-2027 Season.

Staff

Ally Haynes-Hamblen, Executive Director

Staff/Guests Attending

Ally Haynes-Hamblen, Executive Director

Summary

Staff presenting an overview of highlights and lessons learned from Eisemann Center Presents (ECP) 2025/2026 season, followed by an overview of the upcoming 2026/2027 season, proposed ECP budget, new initiatives for the Eisemann Center and 2026/2027 sizzle reel.

City Council Strategies

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

Background

The Eisemann Center Presents season is an annual series of performances that are presented by the City of Richardson, through the Eisemann Center for Performing Arts & Corporate Presentations. Artists and performing arts projects are researched and reviewed by Eisemann Center staff, and evaluated for performing arts excellence, tour readiness, artistic merit and the enhancement that a presentation of the work can bring to the Richardson and North Texas community. Selected artists from across the United States and around the world are invited to perform on the Eisemann Center stage and share their artistry, culture and craft with our community. Many artists will additionally spend time in and around Richardson engaging with students and community members in lectures/demonstrations, master classes, school performances and artistic workshops. The Eisemann Center seeks to engage artists that will bring the Richardson and North Texas community together and elevate the quality of life for all who live, work and play in Richardson.

Financial Considerations

The proposed FY2026-2027 budget for Eisemann Center Presents is \$992,420, which is anticipated be offset by revenues generated from ticket sales & fees, sponsorships, donations, grants, and membership fees. Expenses and revenues are budgeted in the Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Fund.

Proposed Action/Motion

No action is requested of Council on this presentation.