

**State of Texas
County of Denton
City of Lake Dallas**

The Lake Dallas City Council met in a regular called meeting on April 18, 2021 via video conference, with notice of the meeting given, as required by Title 5, Chapter 551.041 of the Texas Government Code. Mayor Barnhart called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Michael Barnhart	Mayor
Megan Ray	Councilmember 1
Cheryl McClain	Councilmember 3
Charlie Price	Councilmember 4
Andi Nolan	Councilmember 5

Absent:

Brian Bailey	Councilmember 2
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Staff Present: City Secretary Codi Delcambre, City Attorney Kevin Laughlin, Police Chief Dan Carolla, and Interim City Manager Mike Wilson.

2. Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance

Kammie Salvidge led the invocation and Mayor Barnhart led the pledges.

3. Citizen Agenda & Public Comments

Mayor Barnhart opened the Visitors/Citizens Agenda. No one signed up to speak.

Margaret McCarty of 8 Lake Street stated that she had lived here since the early 1990's. She stated that she had worked with Mayor, Police Chief and Code Enforcement over the years. Ms. McCarty stated that Chief Carolla was a great leader who she had worked with. She stated that she is not sure why we are here today. She stated that Chief Carolla was the best Chief that Lake Dallas has had.

Kammie Savidge of 5304 Countess Court stated that the City is about to lose our Police Chief. She stated that he walked into a mess and had turned the Police Department around. She stated that he chose to be at Lake Dallas. Mrs. Savidge stated that the tree has been removed but the roots have been left behind to grow. The roots need to be removed to. She stated that we have been here to many times.

Susan Ray of 425 Lake Highland stated that she was sorry that Chief Carolla was leaving. She stated that he restored my faith in the Lake Dallas Police Department. Ms. Ray stated that Chief Carolla a good person and she stands behind him and the Lake Dallas Police Department. She asked for prayer for him.

EJ Rodriguez of 329 Texas Drive. (This was read into the record)

Lake Dallas Citizens!
Our Police Chief, Dan Carolla is Leaving Lake Dallas!
It breaks my heart, that we will most likely lose him to another city.

He is leaving voluntarily
I can say he is devastated, sad, disheartened, tired and battered
But why is he leaving.....

But, think about this...
What would make him choose to leave Lake Dallas?
Was it something we said?
Was it something we did?

Is it possible that other members of the Police Department would leave with him?

Could it possibly be the toxic work environment at city hall created by the previous City Manager?

Perhaps it might be the City Administration staff?
I.e. City Secretary, Court Administrator, and/or former Finance Director and others who take great delight in perpetuating an oppressive, hostile workplace for everyone at City Hall.

Our new Interim City Manager and this city need Chief Carolla and his leadership!

It's been a long time since someone in our city administration has said:
"I won't work in Lake Dallas, I will lead Lake Dallas!"

Chief Dan,
Is out in our community everyday!
Promotes community involvement! Leads his Department by example,
Displays forward thinking
Welcomes new ideas
Appears at the library to read stories to our kids.
Always promotes Lake Dallas, and our city

As word spread about Chief leaving Lake Dallas,
Emotions flowed freely
Heard words of disbelief
Saw tears flow
Read heartfelt words to our Chief asking him to stay
Chief, please stay, we need you and we can fix this! We will help you!

6. **Executive Session** As authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, this meeting may be convened into closed executive session for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from the City Attorney on any agenda item listed above or herein.

Council convened into Executive Session at 3:14 p.m.

- Conduct a closed meeting pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 to discuss the employment of the Chief of Police.

Council reconvened into open session at 5:11 p.m.

7. Return to Open Session

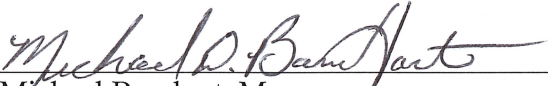
- Discuss and take appropriate action, if any, resulting from the discussions conducted in Closed Session

No action taken.

8. Adjournment

Mayor Barnhart adjourned the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

Approved:



Michael Barnhart, Mayor

Attest:



Codi Delcambre, City Secretary

