

## **RESOLUTION 07-2016**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARROLLTON, STATE OF GEORGIA, TO PROVIDE FOR TOWN HALL AND OTHER PUBLIC MEETINGS WHERE RESIDENTS CAN SPEAK TO AND INTERACT WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CITY REPRESENTATIVES AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN ANNUAL NEWSLETTER TO BE PREPARED AND CIRCULATED BY THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY STAFF

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Carrollton believe that government functions best when it is transparent and open to the general public and when the general public is informed and has the opportunity to address government officials; and

WHEREAS, in addition to regular meetings and work sessions, the Mayor and City Council of Carrollton believe that the Mayor and any City Councilman should have the right to schedule a periodic “town hall” or other public meeting where residents can speak to and interact with elected officials and City representatives; and

WHEREAS, in addition to such meetings, the Mayor and City Council of Carrollton believe that the citizens of Carrollton would benefit from and be further informed by an annual newsletter regarding the improvements made by the City, services available to the public, and events sponsored by the City throughout the year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of Carrollton do hereby authorize the Mayor or any City Councilman to call for a “town hall” or public meeting during which residents may speak to and interact with elected officials and City representatives and do hereby direct the City Manager to prepare an annual newsletter regarding the improvements made by the City, services available to the public, and events sponsored by the City throughout the year, as follows:

1. The Mayor or any City Councilman calling for the meeting shall have the authority to select the location, date, and time for the meeting;
2. The City Manager shall attend such meetings, and at the request of the Mayor or the City Councilman calling for the meeting, the City Manager shall make the head of any City department available for such meetings;
3. Topics discussed at such meetings shall not include those topics that are permitted by Georgia’s open meetings laws, O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 *et seq.*, to be discussed in a meeting closed to the public, including those topics identified in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2;
4. The City Manager shall direct City staff to prepare – or otherwise arrange for the preparation of – an annual newsletter entitled the “State of Carrollton” or something similar, which newsletter shall – among other things – inform residents of improvements made by the City, services available to the public, and events sponsored by the City throughout the year; and
5. A draft of the newsletter shall be presented to the Mayor and City Council for review and comment at least thirty (30) days prior to publication.

ADOPTED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2016.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF CARROLLTON

  
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Mayor, City of Carrollton

  
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Clerk, City of Carrollton

