

PLANO CITY COUNCIL
Worksession
August 3, 2011

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Mayor Dyer convened the Council into the Worksession on Wednesday, August 3, 2011, at 6:01 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Plano Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. All Council Members were present with the exception of Council Member Duggan.

Funding Requests

Special Event Funding Discussion

City Manager Glasscock spoke regarding challenges for the Christmas Parade, July 4th Parade and Sunset at Memorial Park in raising private donations and funding requests not meeting their needs. He spoke to these events being focused on the Plano community, potential for different consideration, and funding through the budget process rather than grants. Budget and Research Director Rhodes-Whitley advised that the Dickens Christmas event is funded through the General Fund and Mr. Glasscock spoke to Staff determining City-required expenses (barricades, officers, etc.). The Council discussed determining which events would be considered for budget funding and Public Information Director Conklin advised that the sense is, if these events were not planned by other organizations, the City would be requested to do so. The Council stated a consensus in directing Staff to move forward as presented and to calculate the difference in grant funding.

Presentation of Cultural Affairs Commission

Cultural Affairs Commission Chair Stroh spoke regarding the grant application process including electronic submittal, focusing on Plano “centric” groups, the increase in applicants and future consideration of funding Small Arts Grants as a percentage of monies rather than a simple \$1,000 grant. She responded to the Council, advising that if Small Grants were considered as a percentage they may have received lesser funds. Ms. Stroh reviewed activities for various organizations and advised that monies raised by the Partnership Walk/Run are dedicated to poverty in Africa.

The Council spoke to the lack of a demonstrated impact to the City for this event and concurred to remove their funding. They further favored events that benefit the community rather than fundraising efforts. Ms. Stroh spoke regarding the impact on Plano of other organizations and attendance at the *Taste of Plano*. Budget and Research Director Rhodes-Whitley advised the Council that available funds are a result of hotel/motel taxes; Council may cap distribution with the excess placed in the fund balance; and that changes discussed this evening will be brought forward for Council's approval.

Presentation of Heritage Commission

Heritage Commission Chair Quaintance-Howard spoke to the applications received and recommended grants for the Heritage Farmstead Museum (\$487,000) and the Plano Conservancy for Historic Preservation, Inc. (\$198,153). She spoke to both organizations as returning groups and advised regarding items funded. Ms. Quaintance-Howard responded to the Council, advising that should ownership of the Old City Cemetery property remain unidentified, monies for restoration will return to the fund. She further advised that applicants are aware of the increase in grant funds available due to the lower number of applicants. The Council concurred with recommendations as presented.

Council Items and Issues for Discussion

No items were considered

City Manager Glasscock spoke to the August 13, 2011, Budget Worksession to include a Public Hearing regarding the Charter Review Process.

Nothing further was discussed. Mayor Dyer adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Phil Dyer, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Diane Zucco, City Secretary