

# COUNCIL WRAP UP

## FROM MAYOR LEWIS



### FISCAL YEAR 2022 CARRYOVER FUNDS

Finance Director, Deborah Woodham, gave a brief presentation on the year end balance from last fiscal year. Ending September 30, 2022, the City had a balance of \$8.8M in its General Funds. Of that balance, \$5.2M was transferred to the Capital Projects Fund to pay for major capital projects such as - \$2.7M for the construction of a multipurpose field at Forney Community Park, \$800K for a police communications (dispatch) remodel, and \$250K for the Public Works remodel. In addition, \$2.5M in one time capital purchases/ allocations were made for the Fire, Police, Information Technology, and Streets departments. The entire presentation can be seen [here](#).



### ARPA GRANT UPDATE

Final approval for American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) allocations was made by Council through the efforts of a third party, Baker Tilly. In total, 14 eligible applications for small business/ nonprofits were approved to each receive \$1,500 for a total of \$21K. For households, 162 eligible applications were approved to each receive approximately \$705. This exceeds the expectation that only \$500 in grant funds would be available for households! The final presentation with the list of business and nonprofits can be seen [here](#).



### DETENTION OFFICER ADDITIONS

City Council approved the addition of 4 detention officers for the Police Department to adequately staff the detention facility. Currently, the detention facility is staffed with one officer and monitoring during off hours has been the responsibilities of the Forney Communications Center. This baseline service will keep the City from using telecommunications and other officers to conduct the basic needs for our prisoner population.



### TRAFFIC AND SAFETY UPDATES

The Engineering and Public Works departments worked in conjunction to correct traffic and safety concerns in and around Gateway Parks. As of now, vertical lane separators and signage has been installed at the intersection of Gateway Blvd and FM 1641 as well as stop signs installed to create a three way stop condition at the intersection of Lawnview and Alta Mesa. Both projects came to the City’s attention from concerned residents, and thus the City was given the ability to help mitigate future issues with student and driver safety.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

On Thursday, December 1st, the City of Forney will be hosting the annual Downtown Tree Lighting at Bell Park from 6 to 8 p.m. This event will include the inaugural tree lighting, pictures with Santa, FISD choirs, and free hot chocolate. On Saturday, December 3rd, the City will be hosting Christmas on Main in Downtown Forney from 12 to 5 p.m. This FREE holiday event will have holiday vendors, food, games, crafts, and more.



The next Forney City Council Meeting will be on December 6th. Watch live at [forneytx.gov](http://forneytx.gov)