



City Commission Agenda Item

Meeting Date: March 7, 2023
From: Randy Frazer, City Manager
Item: GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, Special Performance Measures Recognition, and Strategic Goals & Strategies Recognition

Purpose: Recognize the City of Arkansas City and Jennifer Waggoner/Finance Department as recipient of the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, Special Performance Measures Recognition, and Strategic Goals & Strategies Recognition.

Background: On February 5, 2023, the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) announced the City of Arkansas City, Kansas as recipient of the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its budget. This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting. When a distinguished Budget Presentation Award is granted to an entity, a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation is also presented to the individual(s) or department designated as being primarily responsible achieving the award. This award has been presented to the Jennifer Waggoner and the Finance Department.

In addition to receiving the award, the city's budget also received the Special Performance Measures Recognition, and the Strategic Goals & Strategies Recognition. This is the first time the City has received the two additional honors, which has been a long time goal of Jennifer Waggoner, Finance Director/Treasure.

To be awarded, the entity had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation with documents being rated at "proficient" in all four categories and meet fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories. The rated four categories include: A policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communications device. There are over 1,7000 participants in the Budget Awards Program, which the city participates in annually.

We would like to congratulate Jennifer Waggoner and the Finance Department as recipients of these distinguished awards. A brass medallion will be added to the existing Distinguished Budget Predestination Award Plaque currently on display in Finance Office.

Approved for Agenda by:

Randy Frazer, City Manager