



SEPTEMBER MONTHLY REPORT

FINANCE—The department where everyone counts

- **Awards / Special Recognition:**

- For the 26th consecutive year, the City's budget has been awarded the **Distinguished Budget Presentation Award** from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the current fiscal year. This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting. In order to receive this award, a governmental unit must publish a budget document that meets program criteria as a policy document, as a financial plan, as an operations guide, and as a communications device. Further, the City's budget received special recognition for its **Long Range Financial Plans**.
- Also for the 26th consecutive year, the City has been awarded the **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting**, for its annual comprehensive financial report, for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. This is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.

- **Budget Committee Meetings:** In the blink of an eye the fiscal year 2024-25 budget will be upon us! In planning ahead, please mark your calendars! Budget committee meeting dates are as outlined below:

- Thursday, May 9, 2024
- Wednesday, May 15, 2024
- Thursday, May 16, 2024 (If needed)

- **New Hires:** Please join us in welcoming our two new hires! Yuliana Sanchez, Accounting Technician (Utility Billing), and Gladis Lopez, Accounting Technician (Municipal Court). They both bring with them great skill sets, they are sure to be tremendous additions to our team!

- **User Group Meetings:** In October, Finance participated in two excellent user group meetings:
 - The City hosted the annual Oregon Munis User Group meeting—with a focus on Financials (Accounts Payable and Budgeting), Human Resources/Payroll, and Information Technologies. In attendance were over 60 attendees, representing 17 entities.
 - Our Municipal Court staff also attended the annual Encode (Court) User Group meeting in Lake Oswego.

- **Year End Closing:** We're currently wrapping up the annual, year end close process, which includes drafting of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. As a component to this, our auditors will be here the week of October 30.