



## NEWS RELEASE

### International Honor Goes to City Budget

*Director Barkdoll Recognized by GFOA for Work*

**FREDERICK, MD – May 8, 2019:** The Fiscal Year 2019 budget prepared by Budget Director Katie Barkdoll has again won the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.

This is the ninth consecutive year that Barkdoll and the City's budget have earned the association's distinction. When the award is granted to an entity, a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation is also presented to the individual designated as being primarily responsible for its having achieved the award.

"Our Budget Director Katie Barkdoll does an outstanding job and deserves the recognition for this achievement," said Mayor Michael O'Connor. "She goes through the annual budget with a fine-tooth comb to make sure everything is in order. Her dedication benefits everyone in our City, whether it is the department that depends on accurate budgeting, or taxpayers who can rely on us to account for every penny."

According to the GFAO, the award reflects the commitment of the elected officials and staff to meet the highest principles of government budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the city had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well the city's budget serves as:

- A policy document
- A financial plan
- An operations guide
- A communications device

Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories, and the 14 mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.

The Government Finance Officers Association, based in Chicago, is a nonprofit professional association serving nearly 19,000 government finance professionals throughout North America. The GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting.

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